Approved 6/13/2024

Dover School Committee
Meeting of May 13, 2024

Members Present:	Liz Grossman
	Jeff Cassidy
	Jessica Hole
	Martha Castle
	Goli Sepehr
Also Present:	Beth McCoy, Superintendent
	Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) **Call to Order**

Liz Grossman called the meeting to order 6:30 pm.

2) Community Comments - none.

3) Superintendent Comments - Beth McCoy provided a brief update on recent and upcoming events in the District including the recent Challenge Success conference hosted by DS.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY24 Monthly Report as of April 30th
  - Salaries: there are no changes since the last report
  - Expenditures: there are no material variances to report.
  - Out of District: due to the level of our FY24 OOD expenditures in comparison with FY23 expenditures, Chickering qualified for a special one-time CB Reserve Relief reimbursement payment. Approximately $200,000 in additional reimbursement is anticipated. This payment reflects an early distribution of FY25 expected CB reimbursement versus additional reimbursement and will be deducted from next year's payments.
- FY25 Budgets - Chickering's operating budget and the capital project budget were approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

5) **Discussion Items**

- Student Handbook: 1st read - the proposed changes were summarized and discussed.

6) Action Items

- Policy Manual Updates: 2nd read

Jessica Hole made a motion to approve the changes to the Policy Manual. Jeff Cassidy seconded.
24-09 VOTE: 5 - 0

- Non-Resident Student Tuition Revolving Fund - the Connections Program (a special education program) is moving to Chickering next year and there is the potential for students from Pine Hill attending the program. As tuition will be collected for Sherborn students who do attend, the Administration recommends the establishment of a Non-Resident Student Tuition Revolving Fund as provided in MGL Chapter 71, Section 71F.

Tuition payments received will be deposited into this fund and expenses incurred in connection with the education of these students may be appropriated from this fund.

Goli Sepehr made a motion to establish a Non-Resident Student Tuition Revolving Fund as allowed un Chapter 71, Section 71F of the MA General Law. Jeff Cassidy seconded.
24-10 VOTE: 5 - 0

- FY25 Non-Resident Student Tuition - in anticipation of Pine Hill students attending the Connections Program, the Administration requested approval of the tuition rate for FY25. The rate is based on the most current per-pupil in-district costs (FY23) posted on DESE's website.

Jeff Cassidy made a motion to set the tuition rate for students attending Chickering Elementary School from outside the district, as approved by the Superintendent per School Committee Policy JFABE, at $21,822 for the 2024-2025 school year and that any additional support service costs be added to an individual student's tuition based on a fair share of those additional services as computed by Administration. Jessie Hole seconded.
24-11 VOTE: 5 - 0

7) Consent Items

- ACED Recommendation - 1.0 stipend for Chickering Rainbow Club leaders.
- Approval of Minutes: March 14 & April 2, 2024

Martha Castle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jeff Cassidy seconded.
24-12 VOTE: 5 - 0

8) **Informational Items**

- Chickering Newsletters
- Regional School Committee minutes of February 6 & March 5, 2024
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of March 12, 2024

9) Items for June 4, 2024 Meeting

Liz Grossman was recognized and thanked for her years of commitment to the Dover School Committee.

10) Adjournment at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis