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Dover School Committee
Meeting of September 24, 2024

Members Present: Jeff Cassidy
Jessica Hole
Goli Sepehr
Kate Cook

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent
Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent
Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) Call to Order

Jeff Cassidy called the meeting to order 6:30 pm.

2) Community Comments - none.

3) Superintendent Comments - Beth McCoy updated recent and upcoming meeting/events in the District. Assistant Superintendent Denny Conklin gave an update on the new Math Curriculum and ELA Curriculum evaluation.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY24 Budget Closeout
 - Salaries: the year ended with a negative balance of \$65,982 (0.93%) primarily related to additional special education staff added at the beginning of the school year based on the cohort of students.
 - Expenditures: there was a surplus of \$98,920 (8.63%) with key drivers being a favorable heating oil contract and savings in SPED Services from outside services being covered by school staff.
 - Out of District: expenses exceeded budget by \$1,005,244 (39.31%). The variance resulted primarily from unbudgeted placements as well as changes in placement locations of existing students totaling approximately \$900,000 of additional costs. Transportation costs were over-budget by approximately \$75,000. Dover received \$275,880 in additional reimbursement from the State.
 - Summary of Results - overall results from operations for FY24 were a positive variance of \$32,938 (0.4%) from In-District and a negative variance of \$1,005,244 from OOD resulting in a net negative variance of \$972,307 (9.02%). These costs are offset by the Circuit Breaker reimbursement of \$1,289,174 (net of \$97,763 carry-forward to FY25) resulting in a net turn-back to the Town of Dover of \$316,867.
 - Special Revenue/Revolving Funds: included for review

5) Discussion Items

6) Action Items

- Chickering School Improvement Plan: 2nd read -

Jessica Hole made a motion to approve the changes to the Policy Manual. Goli Sepehr seconded.

24-18 VOTE: 4 - 0

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7) Consent Items

- District and Superintendents Goals
- Technology Responsible Use Agreement
- Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2024

*Kate Cook made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jessica Hole seconded.
24-19 VOTE: 4 - 0*

8) Informational Items

- Subcommittee Assignments
- Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee minutes of March 20 & May 7, 2024
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of April 2, 2024

9) Items for October 22, 2024 - 5 Year Capital Plan, FY26 Guidance, Summary of Grants

10) Adjournment at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis