

**Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee**  
Meeting of October 8, 2024

Members Present:     Mark Healey  
                              Colleen Burt  
                              Kate Potter  
                              Toa Ashk  
                              Angie Johnson  
                              Kevin Crotty

**1) Call to Order**

Mark Healey called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the Middle School Library.

**2) Community Comments** - Mark Healey read comments from Jennifer Debin and a joint group of 20 local business leaders urging a yes vote on Question 2.

**3) Student Council Representative**

**4) Superintendent Comments** - Superintendent McCoy reviewed recent and upcoming events in the District including Open Houses, Arts Homecoming, and the METCO Retreat. Ms. McCoy also reviewed her work to date, as well as items she is planning, with regard to the District Goals. Assistant Superintendent Conklin reviewed upcoming Professional Development opportunities and curriculum development.

**5) Financial Reports**

- Warrant Report
- FY25 Monthly Report
  - Revenues: Chapter 70 and 71 revenue projections reflect the final Cherry Sheet amounts. The variance in Chapter 70 is due to increases in the legislative funding in the final state budget approval. There are no projected variances in athletics, parking, and activity fees at this time.
  - Salaries: the majority of salaries have been encumbered. Stipends have been recorded except for spring coaches. Post-budget staffing updates to date include:
    - Savings from vacancy of Human Resources Director position (\$75,000). Various outside services have been enlisted to cover the key responsibilities and those expenses are reflected in the Superintendent Office related expense accounts.
    - Middle School Wellness educator position increased to .6 FTE (from .3 FTE) to cover curriculum needs.
    - Added a .2 FTE English Learner educator position at Middle School based on student needs.
    - Eliminated a 1.0 FTE SPED Educator at the Middle School based on student needs and realignment of existing programming.
    - Increased Occupational Therapy coverage at the Region by .2 FTE to cover IEP services.
    - Variances also include the salary costs of all lane changes and savings from post-FY25 Budget staffing changes.

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- Educational assistant variances reflect a reduction in two positions based on student needs but also reflects open positions that are currently posted.
- Expenditures: no material variances projected at this time.
- FY24 Wrap-Up: the auditors are scheduled to begin their fieldwork in the January/February timeframe. The District's E&D was certified on October 4th at \$796,185 (2.76%).
- Capital Projects Update
  - Bleacher and Press Box: the final punch list items are being completed and the official "opening" is planned for the football game on October 25th.
  - Lindquist Ductwork: the last step of insulating the lower section of new ductwork is being scheduled.
  - Rooftop Units: the units shipped earlier than anticipated and are in storage under the supervision of the contractor. The project is on track to be completed prior to the opening of school in August of 2025.

### 6) Discussion Items

### 7) Action Items

- 2024-25 MS Student Handbook: 2nd read, including new smartphone/smartwatch policy.

*Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the Middle School Handbook. Kevin Crotty seconded.  
24-24 VOTE: 6 - 0*

### 8) Consent Items

- Out of State Field Trip: Middle School to Washington DC: May 28 - 30, 2025
- District and Superintendent Goals
- Responsible Use Agreement
- Regional School Committee minutes of September 10, 2024
- FY25 Grants: IDEA-SPED 240 \$287,725; Title 1 \$42,235; Title IIA \$12,746; Title IVA-ESSA \$10,000, METCO \$339.882, and Comprehensive School Health Services \$14,000.

*Kate Potter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Colleen Burt seconded.  
24-25 VOTE: 6 - 0*

### 9) Informational Items

- October Enrollment Report
- Dover School Committee minutes of June 4, 2024
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of June 4, 2024

**10)Next Meeting: November 5th - MCAS result analysis,**

**11)Adjournment at 7:37 pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis