

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of December 3, 2024

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

1) Call to Order

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

2) Community Comments - none

3) Student Council Representative - the representative was unable to attend the meeting

4) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy reviewed recent and upcoming events in the District.

5) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY25 Monthly Operating Report
 - Revenues: there are not changes to report
 - Salaries: the projected positive variance at this time is at least \$250,000
 - Expenditures: there are no changes to report

6) Action Items

- FY26 Budget
 - Operating: increase of \$593,451 or 2.06% (vs 3.23% in FY25) with Dover assessment increase of \$224,778 or 1.69% (vs 2.42% in FY25) and Sherborn assessment increase of \$324,589 or 2.79% (vs 3.61% in FY25). Student enrollment impacts the annual assessment percentage and the FY26 operating and capital assessment percentages reflect increases of 0.57% and 0.29% respectively for Sherborn. Salaries are proposed to increase \$660,307 primarily attributable to contractual increases. Healthcare premium increases are estimated at 9% for active employees; 6% for retiree healthcare premium increases. Expenditures are proposed to increase by \$68,045 or 4.62%. Transportation costs are estimated to increase by \$180,000 as a new contract goes out to bid in late December/early January.
 - Capital: estimate of \$2 million to replace turf field, track, and lighting at the high school. The project cost includes the highest to date estimate plus a 20% contingency.
 - ACED Recommendations: \$8,000 increase in total (MS & HS Science Olympiad, MS Help Club, HS Relay for Life, HS Volleyball Club, and HS Varsity Tennis coaches).

Kate Potter made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget as presented. Colleen Burt seconded.
24-27 VOTE: 6 - 0

Angie Johnson made a motion to approve the FY26 Capital request as presented. Kevin Crotty seconded.

Approved 1.14.2025

24-28 VOTE: 6 - 0

Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the ACED Recommendations as presented. Kate Potter seconded.

24-29 VOTE: 6 - 0

7) Discussion Items

- Proposed changes to HS Program of Studies 2025-26: 1st read - John Smith reviewed the proposed changes and answered questions from committee members.
- Letter from Sherborn Advisory - Mark Healey will reach out to Sherborn Advisory and Capital Budget to set up a meeting to address the concerns raised in the letter.

8) Consent Items

- Regional School Committee minutes of November 5, 2024
- DS Football Gridiron Donation - \$10,500 for assistant coaches
- High School Field Trips - Boys ice hockey tournament on Martha's Vineyard over February Break and baseball team trip to Cooperstown over April break (game vs Sharon HS).

Angie Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kevin Crotty seconded.

24-30 VOTE: 6 - 0

9) Informational Items

- Dover School Committee minutes of October 22, 2024
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of October 15, 2024

10)Next Meeting: January 14th -

11)Adjournment at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis