**Approved 2/5/2025**

**Sherborn School Committee**
Meeting of November 12, 2024

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| Members Present: | Christine Walsh |
| | Megha Kadiyala |
| | Nathanial Jackson |
| | Becca Hammond (remote) |
| Also Present: | Beth McCoy, Superintendent |
| | Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent |

1) **Call to Order**

Cristine Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the DSMS Library.

**2) Community Comments -** Doug Kingsley requested that the Committee consider taking comments at the end of meetings as well as at the beginning so items addressed during the meeting could be responded to without waiting for the next monthly meeting.

3) **Superintendent Comments -** Beth McCoy updated recent and upcoming meeting/events in the District including the implementation of the Shadow a Student program. Denny Conklin spoke about the math curriculum roll out as well as the 2024 MCAS results.

**4) Financial Reports**

- Warrant Report
- FY25 Monthly Report
  - Salaries: the projected positive variance at this time is $200,000 due primarily to post-FY25 budget staffing changes including two mid-year retirements and several other staffing shifts.
  - Expenditures: there are no material variance to report to date except for Classroom Instructional Software. Several instructional programs were expanded to include the K-5 cohort to enhance assessment capabilities. Transportation and utility expenses have been encumbered.
  - Out-of-District: costs for FY25 placements known to date have been encumbered. Tuition costs are currently under-budget by $160,000 however due to placement changes, transportation costs are over-budget by $150,000. Circuit Breaker reimbursement for FY25 has been posted. Sherborn will receive $509,786 comprised of eligible tuition costs reimbursed at 75% and transportation costs at 44%. Current year expenses charged against Circuit Breaker are $402,205.

5) **Discussion Items**

6) **Action Items**

- Proposed FY26 Budget
  - Operating: the overall operating budget increase is $200,475 or 2.43% (FY25 increase was 3.99%). The In-District operating increase is $100,475 or 1.39% (FY25 was 2.73%) and the OOD operating increase is $100,000 or 9.91% (FY25 was 14.01%). The In-District operating increase would have been approximately 5% without the savings from Post-FY25 Budget staffing changes. The draft FY26 Budget includes $300,000 of Circuit Breaker reimbursement.
    Key Budget Drivers: estimated enrollment of 369-373 students in 21 classroom sections; contractual increases of 3% is nearly totally offset by salary savings resulting

from post-FY25 Budget staffing changes; reduction of related services staffing and expenses due to move of Connections to Chickering (approx $93,000 savings); staff increase of .2 FTE EL Educator, .2 FTE Pre-K Director and two SPED Educational Assistants (approx $115,000 increase).

*Megha Kadiyala made a motion to approve the FY26 Operating Budget as presented. Nathanial Jackson seconded.*
*24-19 VOTE: 3 - 0*

- Capital: there is one capital project for FY26 - replacement of library classroom floor, lower level for $30,000.

*Megha Kadiyala made a motion to approve the FY26 Capital Budget as presented. Nathanial Jackson seconded.*
*24-20 VOTE: 3 - 0*

**7) Consent Items**
- Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2024

*Megha Kadiyala made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Nathanial Jackson seconded.*
*24-21 VOTE: 3 - 0*

8) **Informational Items**
- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of October 8, 2024
- Dover School Committee Minutes of September 24, 2024

**9) Items for February 4, 2025**

**10) Adjournment at 7:57 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis