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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of January 14, 2025

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 -** Doug Kingsley asked why comments are not allowed from the public during school committee meetings when other town committees do take comments from the public during meetings. The school committees are following MASC policy.
3) **Student Council Representative -** The student representative updated the committee on recent and upcoming events at the high school.
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: Substitute costs are currently over budget and the variance will continue to grow as the year progresses as there are several long-term leaves occurring this fiscal year.
     - Expenditures: there are no changes to report
6) **Discussion Items**
   - Standard and Poor Bond Rating - Last fall, S&P Global Ratings published new methodology for rating US governments and began conducting rating reviews of credits whose rating could change with application of the new methodology, including DS Regional School district. The Region's AAA bond rating has been downgraded to AA+ primarily due to the level of E&D reserves. Given the remaining debt held by the Region is scheduled to be retired in May, the rating change does not have significant impact unless the Towns decide to have the Region borrow for their capital needs.
   - FY26 Budget - Dawn Fattore reviewed the calendar for the rest of the budget season.
7) **Action Items**
8) **Consent Items**
   - Review of 2024 Town Report
   - Regional School Committee minutes of December 3, 2024
   - Grants - $15,000 from METCO, Inc to cover the costs of educators attending the IDEAS course.

- Gifts - $3,130 from Ryan & Jennifer Debin to replace the blue soccer uniform jerseys which the current team kept this year after winning the State Championship.

Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kevin Crotty seconded.
25 - 02 VOTE: 6 - 0

9) Informational Items
10) Next Meeting: February 4th - FY26 Budget
11) Adjournment at 7:03 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis