

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
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Union #50 Superintendency Committee
Meeting Minutes April 2, 2024

Present:

Dover School Committee

Liz Grossman

Jeff Cassidy

Goli Sepehr

Jessie Hole

Martha Castle

Sherborn School Committee

Dennis Quandt

Christine Walsh

Becca Hammond

Kristen Aberle

Dover-Sherborn Regional School
Committee

Judi Miller

Colleen Burt

Kate Potter

Angie Johnson

Mark Healey

Maggie Charron

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM in the DSMS Library.
2. **Community Comments** - there was a comment from a Sherborn parent who advocated not adding additional holidays to the school calendar as they would be disruptive to learning continuity and days added in June are not useful for learning.
3. **Superintendent Comments** - Superintendent McCoy reviewed recent and upcoming meetings and district events as well as Leadership Team hiring.
4. **Superintendent's Evaluation** - Maggie Charron summarized the evaluation process and asked that everyone get their comments in by April 15th.
5. **Discussion Items**
 - Updates to Policy Handbook, Sections A-C: 1st read - changes to the policies bring them in line with State and Federal guidelines since the last updates.
6. **Action Items**
 - Vote to Approve Changes to ACCEPT Agreement: 2nd read -

There were motions to approve the changes to the ACCEPT Agreement as presented.

RSC: motion by Mark Healey, second by Maggie Charron

Vote in favor: Judi Miller, Angie Johnson, Kate Potter, Colleen Burt, Maggie Charron, and Mark Healey.

SSC: motion by Becca Hammond, second by Kristen Aberle

Vote in favor: Dennis Quandt, Christine Walsh, Kristen Aberle, and Becca Hammond

DSC: motion by Jeff Cassidy, second by Goli Sepehr

Vote in favor: Liz Grossman, Goli Sepehr, Jeff Cassidy, Martha Castle and Jessie Hole.

- Vote to Approve 2024-25 School Year Calendar - Liz Grossman made a suggestion that since the calendars for each of the three districts need to be the same, the committees

should agree up front that if all the separate committee motions are not the same that the status quo (current calendar) will prevail.

There were motions made that if each of the three committees do not approve the same motion to make a change to the current school calendar, the three districts will maintain the status quo with regard to the holidays that are given as days off from school.

RSC: motion by Colleen Burt, second by Kate Potter

Vote in favor: Judi Miller, Angie Johnson, Kate Potter, Colleen Burt, Maggie Charron, and Mark Healey.

SSC: motion by Becca Hammond, second by Kristen Aberle

Vote in favor: Dennis Quandt, Christine Walsh, Kristen Aberle, and Becca Hammond

DSC: motion by Jeff Cassidy, second by Goli Sepehr

Vote in favor: Liz Grossman, Goli Sepehr, Jeff Cassidy, Martha Castle and Jessie Hole.

Beth McCoy, speaking on behalf of the Calendar Task Force, reminded the Committees of the agreements reached by the Task Force:

- Educate students about various holidays as they occur throughout the year;
- Ensure students and faculty adhere to school committee policies relative to attendance and coursework on/around various holiday;
- Consider the impact of scheduled athletics events and extracurricular activities on/around various holidays; and
- Strong community support for starting December vacation on/before the 24th to extend the winter break (already accepted by vote on calendar last month).

School Committee members took a poll to determine how to begin the conversation. There was consensus that if the status quo remained the policy regarding holidays (bullet #2 above) needs to be summarized in simplified, understandable language for both faculty, students, and families.

There were no motions for either the Federal only holiday calendar or the adding holidays to the calendar options.

7. Consent Agenda

- January 30, 2024 minutes

There were motions to approve the Consent Agenda.

RSC: motion by Mark Healey, second by Maggie Charron

Vote in favor: Judi Miller, Angie Johnson, Kate Potter, Colleen Burt, Maggie Charron, and Mark Healey.

SSC: motion by Becca Hammond, second by Kristen Aberle

Vote in favor: Dennis Quandt, Christine Walsh, Kristen Aberle, and Becca Hammond

DSC: motion by Martha Castle, second by Goli Sepehr

Vote in favor: Liz Grossman, Goli Sepehr, Jeff Cassidy, Martha Castle and Jessie Hole.

8. Informational Items

- Closure on Contract MOA's (JACSE & Educational Assistants)

Approved 4/24/2024

- Summary of FY25 Budgets

9. Items for April 24, 2024 Meeting: METCO Headquarters, Boston MA - Superintendent Evaluation

10. Adjourn at 9:18 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis