Approved 3.17.25

Sherborn School Committee
Meeting of February 4, 2025

Members Present:	Christine Walsh
	Megha Kadiyala
	Becca Hammond
Also Present:	Beth McCoy, Superintendent
	Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent

1) **Call to Order**

Cristine Walsh called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm in the DSMS Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) **Superintendent Comments -** Beth McCoy updated recent and upcoming meeting/events in the District including educator evaluations and math curriculum parent meetings.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY25 Monthly Report
  - Salaries: there are no changes since the last report
  - Expenditures: there are no changes since the last report
  - Out-of-District: the FY25 Budget included 13 placements; currently there are 14 placements. The additional placement has increased tuition costs by approximately $65,000 which reduces the positive variance in tuition costs to $89,000. Transportation costs continue to be over0budget by $162,000 resulting in a negative OOD variance of approximately $70,000.
  - Capital Projects: the Project Team from CES Engineering has completed the initial design work and the bid will be posted as of February 4th. The bid is being posted with a base bid for the Library unit, first alternative for the Cafeteria unit, and the second alternate for the Auditorium unit which will allow the administration to evaluate potential next steps based on available funding. The bid opening date is February 27th.

5) **Discussion Items**

- Proposed FY26 Budget
  - Operating: the latest version of the budget reflects a reduction of $50,000 due to salary savings from a confirmed retirement.
  - Out-of-District: overall decrease of $40,000 due to updated placement projections as well as an increase in proposed use of Circuit Breaker funds.
  - Overall: reduction of $10,000 to $8,432,285 which is $190,475 (or 2.31%) over FY25.

6) **Action Items**

- ACED Recommendations - the ACED Committee voted to move the following proposal forward for funding consideration: Mentor Leader (Elementary) at 1.0 ratio ($1,600). The position would be split equally between Chickering and Pine Hill and funded by the Title II Grant.

Becca Hammond made a motion to approve the ACED recommendations as presented. Megha Kadiyala seconded.
25-01 VOTE: 3 - 0

Approved 3.17.25

- District Bullying Prevention Plan: 2nd read - the term “victim” needs to be changed to “target”.

Becca Hammond made a motion to approve the Bullying Prevention Plan with changes to terms as indicated. Megha Kadiyala seconded.
25-02 VOTE: 3 - 0

7) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2024
- Approval of FY26 Pre-School Tuition Rates - 4% increase which brings the 3-day rate to $6,460 and the 5-day rate to $11,430.
- Approval of Grant - $16,450 through DESE Math and Science High-Quality Instructional Materials Professional Development and Purchase Opportunity to cover costs of additional professional development for the new math curriculum. The funds cover both outside training consultants and educator stipends.
- Approval of Gift - $1,257 from the Sherborn Business Association to support much-needed updates to the book in the Pine Hill Book Room.

Becca Hammond made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Megha Kadiyala seconded.
25-03 VOTE: 3 - 0

8) **Informational Items**

- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of November 5 and December 3, 2024
- Dover School Committee Minutes of October 22 and November 19, 2024

9) Items for March 11, 2025 - FY26 Budget Hearing

10) Adjournment at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis