**Approved 4/29/25**

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
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Union #50 Superintendency Committee
Meeting Minutes April 1, 2025

Present:

Dover School Committee
Jeff Cassidy
Kate Cook
Goli Sepehr
Jessica Hole

Sherborn School Committee
Christine Walsh
Becca Hammond
Kristen Aberle
Megha Kadiyala
Nathanial Jackson

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Mark Healey
Colleen Burt
Angie Johnson
Kevin Crotty
Toa Ashk

1. **Call to order – The** meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM in the DSMS Library.
2. **Community Comments -** none
3. **Superintendent Comments -**
   - Superintendent McCoy spoke about recent and upcoming events in the district including: the recent performance of "Into the Woods" at the high school, Seminar Day at the high school, MCAS testing, and hiring.
   - Assistant Superintendent Conklin reviewed the Challenge Success Survey results broken down by race & ethnicity; the launch of ELA and FLES program reviews at the elementary level; the Elementary Instructional Time Study is in progress; and the reorganization of the Middle School Science curriculum.
4. **Superintendent's Evaluation -** Mark Healey reviewed the evaluation process. Superintendent Beth McCoy provided and highlighted evidence relative to each of the District and Superintendent goals as well as the six prioritized Standards of Effective Leadership. Evaluation forms and feedback will be discussed at the April 29th meeting.
5. **Discussion Items**
   - Update on Capital Projects - Dawn Fattore highlighted the capital projects for all 3 districts. At Pine Hill, the bids for the HVAC came in at $1.1 million for all 3 alternates (library, cafeteria, and auditorium). The library portion of the project is $475,000 and the original amount allowed to the project is $400,000. Sherborn is going to provide the additional $75,000 from through a Reserve Fund Transfer. Installing HVAC in the cafeteria will cost $125,000. Those funds will be a combination of the Lunch Fund and pre-billing SHEDA rent.
   - Amend FY26 Capital Project Funding: Region only - the bid opening for the Turf/Track/Lights/Fencing project was March 27th and bids for the base project ranged from $1,530,000 to $1,948,514. There were three alternates included in the bid

specifications: 1) blue track surfacing ($19,500); 2) colored exchange zones ($36,000); and brock fill/sand ($96,000) in place of the existing crumb rubber/sand. The Region is moving forward with all three alternates (alternate 3 is only available if alternates 1 & 2 are done) resulting in a potential contract of $1,681,500. The School Committee voted to utilize $350,000 of the June 30, 2024 Excess & Deficiency balance toward the project leaving $1,331,500 to be funded by the Towns. Next step will be to meet with Dover's Board of Selectmen and Sherborn's Select Board to approve the IMA. In addition the project will need to be approved by both Towns at the Annual town Meetings.

Kevin Crotty made a motion to approve the remaining FY26 Capital project costs of $1,331,500 to be funded by Member Towns based on FY26 Capital Costs Assessment percentages, Dover $714,350 (53.65%) and Sherborn $617,150 (46.35%). Toa Ashk seconded.
Vote in favor: Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Toa Ashk, Angie Johnson, and Kevin Crotty

**6. Action Items**

- Bullying Prevention Intervention Plan: 2nd read - an updated draft with highlighted changes since the first reading was provided and discussed.

There were motions to approve the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.
RSC: motion by Colleen Burt, second by Toa Ashk
Vote in favor: Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Angie Johnson, Toa Ashk and Kevin Crotty.
SSC: motion by Becca Hammond, second by Kristin Aberle
Vote in favor: Christine Walsh, Kristen Aberle, Becca Hammond, Nathanial Jackson and Megha Kadiyala
DSC: motion by Kate Cook, second by Jessica Hole
Vote in favor: Jeff Cassidy, Goli Sepehr, Jessica Hole, and Kate Cook.

- Policies F, H, L: 2nd read -

There were motions to approve Policies F, H, and L.
RSC: motion by Kevin Crotty, second by Colleen Burt
Vote in favor: Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Angie Johnson, Toa Ashk and Kevin Crotty.
SSC: motion by Megha Kadiyala, second by Nathanial Jackson
Vote in favor: Christine Walsh, Kristen Aberle, Becca Hammond, Nathanial Jackson and Megha Kadiyala
DSC: motion by Goli Sepehr, second by Kate Cook
Vote in favor: Jeff Cassidy, Goli Sepehr, Jessica Hole, and Kate Cook.

- Transportation Contract FY26-28 - One vendor, Michael J Connolly & Sons, Inc submitted a bid. The total cost of the three year contract is $5,092,072 with a two year extension options of $3,703,079 (overall 5 year increase of 30%). The previous 5-year contract increase for FY21-25 was 25.9% and the FY26 daily bus rate is $468 vs $405 for FY25. Other contract terms include: fuel adjustment clause of 10% over/under range based on $3.862/gallon; special trip costs (field trips/athletic buses) increase of 20%, 5.5%, and 7.4% for years 1-3; and continued flexibility of one bus differential at the elementary level.

Colleen Burt made a motion to award the Dover Sherborn Regional Schools transportation contract to Michael J. Connolly & Sons for a three-year term in the amount of $3,261,873 for the annual base bid, and all other related established prices for incidental bus transportation and the fuel adjustment cost as submitted in the bid form. Angie Johnson seconded.
Vote in favor: Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Angie Johnson, Toa Ashk, and Kevin Crotty.

Kristin Aberle made a motion to award the Sherborn Schools transportation contract to Michael J. Connolly & Sons for a three-year term in the amount of $861,270 for the annual base bid, and all other related established prices for incidental bus transportation and the fuel adjustment cost as submitted in the bid form. Megha Kadiyala seconded.
Vote in favor: Christine Walsh, Kristen Aberle, Becca Hammond, Nathanial Jackson and Megha Kadiyala

Kate Cook made a motion to award the Dover Schools transportation contract to Michael J. Connolly & Sons for a three-year term in the amount of $968,929 for the annual base bid, and all other related established prices for incidental bus transportation and the fuel adjustment cost as submitted in the bid form. Jessica Hole seconded.
Vote in favor: Jeff Cassidy, Goli Sepehr, Jessica Hole, and Kate Cook.

- Approval of Overnight Out of State Field Trip for High School - DECA International Competition to Orlando, FL, April 25-30, 2025.

Kevin Crotty made a motion to approve the DECA International Competition field trip as presented. Toa Ashk seconded.
Vote in favor: Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Angie Johnson, Toa Ashk, and Kevin Crotty.

**7. Consent Agenda**

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There were motions to approve the Consent Agenda.
RSC: motion by Angie Johnson, second by Colleen Burt
Vote in favor: Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Angie Johnson, Toa Ashk and Kevin Crotty.
SSC: motion by Becca Hammond, second by Kristin Aberle
Vote in favor: Christine Walsh, Kristen Aberle, Becca Hammond, Nathanial Jackson and Megha Kadiyala
DSC: motion by Jessie Hole, second by Goli Sepehr
Vote in favor: Jeff Cassidy, Goli Sepehr, Jessica Hole, and Kate Cook.

**8. Informational Items**

- Summary of FY26 Budgets

**9. Items for April 29, 2025 meeting -** Superintendent Evaluation

**10. Adjourn at 9:05 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis