

Sherborn School Committee
Meeting of March 11, 2025

Members Present: Christine Walsh
Megha Kadiyala
Becca Hammond
Kristen Aberle
Nathaniel Jackson (remote)
Kemberlie Grant (METCO Rep)

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent
Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent

1) Call to Order

Cristine Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the DSMS Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Continued Discussion on FY26 Budget and Public Hearing

- A single bid from the existing service provider was received for FY26-28 Transportation services. The contract terms will be discussed at the Joint Meeting on April 1st. The increase for the first year of the contract is in line with the budget.
- the FY26 Version 2.0 overall increase is 2.31% totaling \$8,432,285.

4) Vote on FY26 Operating Budget

Kristin Aberle made a motion to approve the FY26 Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,432,285. Becca Hammond seconded.
25-04 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

5) 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: placement changes have occurred since the last update resulting in a favorable impact to the budget. The positive variance increased to \$118,400, up from \$90,000. Transportation costs continue to be over-budget by \$151,500 resulting in a negative OOD variance of approximately \$33,000.
 - Capital Projects: the bid opening date is now March 13th.

1) Superintendent Comments - Beth McCoy updated recent and upcoming meeting/events in the District including recent classroom visits, the METCO Legislative Breakfast, and the TriCounty Roundtable with legislators. Denny Conklin spoke about the ELA Curriculum review.

6) Discussion Items

7) Action Items

8) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2025
- Annual School Committee Vote on MA School Choice Law - not to participate

Approved 5.6.25

- Approval of Gift: \$1,000 from Lewis & Meg Randa, Co-Directors of The Life Experience School and The Peace Abbey.

*Becca Hammond made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kristen Aberle seconded.
25-05 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call*

9) Informational Items

- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of January 14 & February 4, 2025
- Dover School Committee Minutes of January 14, 2025

10) Items for May 6, 2025

11) Adjournment at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis