Approved 5/13/25

Dover School Committee
Meeting of March 6, 2025

Members Present:	Goli Sepehr
	Kate Cook
	Martha Castle
	Jessica Hole
Also Present:	Beth McCoy, Superintendent
	Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent
	Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) **Call to Order**

Goli Sepehr called the meeting to order 6:30 pm.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Continued Discussion on FY26 Budget and Public Hearing

- based on the projected census and cohort of students, one classroom section and one General Educational Assistant have been removed for a reduction of $90,000
- due to realignment of current SPED Educators staffing the requested 1.0 FTE for the additional Connections' section has been removed ($70,000)
- addition of .2 FTE for SLP not required and removed from budget ($17,000)
- increase to OOD Tuition by $177,000 based on known changes to OOD placements for FY26. The projected increase to OOD costs is approximately $630,000 which will be covered by the $177,000 and the allocation of anticipated Circuit Breaker funds.
- 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 3.0 overall increase remains at 1.33%, down from a 2.08% increase in Version 1.0.

4) Vote on FY26 Budget

Martha Castle made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget as presented. Jessica Hole seconded. 25-03 VOTE: 4 - 0

5) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY25 Monthly Report
  - Salaries - there is an increase in the positive variance in Educational Assistants which reflects the reallocation of Connections' SPED EA's to the Non-resident Tuition Fund based on student assignments.

6) 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.

7) **Discussion Items**

8) **Action Items**
9) **Consent Items**
   - Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2025
   - Annual School Committee vote on MA School Choice Law - not to participate
   - Gifts: $800 from the Dover Cultural Council

Kate Cook made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jessica Hole seconded.
25-04 VOTE: 4 - 0

10) **Informational Items**
   - Regional School Committee minutes of November 5 & December 3, 2024
   - Sherborn School Committee minutes of October 15 & November 12, 2024

11) **Items for May 13, 2025 meeting -** classroom technology
12) **Adjournment at 7:21 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis