

Dover School Committee
Meeting of January 14, 2025

Members Present: Jeff Cassidy

Kate Cook

Goli Sepehr

Martha Castle

Shanakawa Pereira

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent

Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent

Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) Call to Order

Jeff Cassidy called the meeting to order 5:31 pm.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Superintendent Comments - Beth McCoy updated recent and upcoming meeting/events in the District.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY25 Monthly Report
 - Out of District: tuition encumbrances are reflected for all placements as of January 7th. There are currently 19 placements, one more than budgeted. The total negative variance in tuition costs is approximately \$1,025,000, comprised of \$830,000 from new placements and \$420,000 from changes in placements, offset by \$225,000 of savings from students leaving and graduating early. Transportation costs are currently projected to be under budget by approximately \$150,000.

5) Discussion Items

- Proposed FY26 Budget - Version 2.0
 - Operating: there is a salary adjustment based on anticipated retirements of (\$85,000). The final retirement adjustment, if needed, will be presented at the March meeting as educators have until February 1st to confirm their status.
 - Out-of-District Tuition and Transportation: a meeting has been scheduled with the Warrant Committee on January 22nd to discuss accounting for the new costs resulting from the changes in OOD projections.

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.

Martha Castle made a motion to approve the FY26 Operating Budget as presented . Kate Cook seconded.

25-01 VOTE: 4 - 0

7) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2024
- Grants: \$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.
- Town Report
- Pre-School Tuition FY26 Rates: 4% increase which brings the 3-day rate to \$6,460 and the 5-day rate to \$11,430.

Martha Castle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with amendment. Kate Cook seconded.

25-02 VOTE: 4 - 0

8) Informational Items

9) Items for March 6, 2025 meeting - FY26 Budget Hearing

10)Adjournment at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis