

## Approved 6.3.25

### Dover School Committee Meeting of May 13, 2025

Members Present: Jeff Cassidy  
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

Jeff Cassidy called the meeting to order 6:30 pm.

#### 2) Community Comments - none

#### 3) Superintendent Comments - Beth McCoy updated recent and upcoming meeting/events in the District including Annual Town Meetings, and the update to all student handbooks over the summer.

Denny Conklin spoke about the recent look by the Administration at screen time in elementary classrooms. There will be a full re-visit of policy during the next year to align use of screens with best practices.

#### 4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY25 Monthly Report
  - Salaries - there are no changes to report since the last meeting
  - Expenditures - there are no changes to report since the last meeting
  - Out-of-District - there are currently 19 placements, which is two more than budgeted. The total negative variance in tuition costs is approximately \$1,068,000, comprised of \$860,000 from new placements and \$430,000 from changes in placements (offset by \$225,000 of savings from students leaving and graduating early).
  - Class size discussion - members of the committee discussed adding this item to a future agenda as there is interest in changing the current policy to lower class size and/or add more support.

#### 5) Discussion Items

#### 6) Action Items

#### 7) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2025
- Annual School Committee vote on MA School Choice Law - not to participate
- Gifts: \$800 from the Dover Cultural Council

*Goli Sepehr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kate Cook seconded.*

*25-05 VOTE: 5 - 0*

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**8) Informational Items**

- TEC Collaborative FY26 Budget
- TEC Collaborative Quarterly Report
- TEC Collaborative Agreement (effective July 1, 2025)
- ACCEPT Collaborative Quarterly Report
- Regional School Committee minutes of January 14 & February 4, 2025
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of February 4, & March 11, 2025

**9) Items for June 3, 2025 meeting - Reorganization, Literacy Review update**

**10) Adjournment at 7:21 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Davis