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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Dover School Committee
Sherborn School Committee
Union #50 Superintendency Committee
Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025

Present:

Dover School Committee
Goli Sepehr
Martha Castle
Kate Cook

Sherborn School Committee
Rebecca Hammond
Megha Kadiyala
Katie Manzolini
Bill Alfano

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Jeff Cassidy
Toa Ashk
Mary Lowder
Lindsay Lie
Kevin Crotty

1. **Call to order –** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 opening of school, completion of capital projects, and the District Launch.
   - District and Superintendents Goal: Superintendent McCoy reviewed the goals for the coming year: Educator Collaboration; Data-Informed Decision Making; and Safe & Supportive Schools; as well as her goals (Increase Student Engagement and Educator Reflection).

There were motions to approve the District and Superintendents Goals for 2025-26.
RSC: motion by Kevin Crotty, second by Toa Ashk.
Vote in favor: Jeff Cassidy, Toa Ashk, Kevin Crotty, Mary Lowder, and Lindsay Nie
SSC: motion by Bill Alfano, second by Megha Kadiyala
Vote in favor: Becca Hammond, Bill Alfano, Kate Manzolini, and Megha Kadiyala
DSC: motion by Kate Cook, second by Martha Castle
Vote in favor: Goli Sepehr, Martha Castle, and Kate Cook.

4. **Assistant Superintendent Comments -** Denny Conklin spoke about the summer Professional Development for the staff, ongoing curriculum reviews, and the upcoming November Professional Development day.
5. **Discussion Items**
   - School Committee Norms - the document was provided and discussed.
   - Competency Determination: 1st read - MA regulations require district to develop a Competency Determination Policy to be submitted to DESE. This document details how students will meet the requirements that were amended after the state vote to remove MCAS as a prerequisite for graduation. The Administration summarized the draft policy

for DSHS. It was noted that the requirements for the State do not impact the additional graduation standards in-place for the Dover Sherborn Regional District.

- Accounting for Out-of-District Activity - Currently, all accounting of Out-of-District costs are done at the local level (Pine Hill and Chickering budgets). The Dept of Education has notified the Administration that students from Grade 6 to age 22 will need to be included in the budget at the Region going forward. Dawn Fattore will be working with the Dept of Education and the towns of Dover and Sherborn to determine how to assess costs back to the Towns as students will still be charged to the town they reside in.

6. Action Items

- Appoint METCO Liaison to School Committee - the Liaison will be appointed by each committee at their next local meeting.
- Custodial Contract: Side Letter Agreement - for the 25-26 school year the will be an amendment for Attachment 1, Wage Schedule in the Custodial Contract. The amendment adds to the Wage Schedule: Elementary only stipends for 1) School day coverage for Head Custodian - $25 per day; and 2) Evening Shift Supervision - $1,000 for school year payable in equal installments the last payrolls of January and June.

There were motions to approve the Side Letter Agreement of the Custodial Contract.
RSC: motion by Toa Ashk, second by Mary Lowder.
Vote in favor: Jeff Cassidy, Toa Ashk, Kevin Crotty, Mary Lowder, and Lindsay Nie
SSC: motion by Megha Kadiyala, second by Bill Alfano
Vote in favor: Becca Hammond, Bill Alfano, Kate Manzolini, and Megha Kadiyala
DSC: motion by Kate Cook, second by Martha Castle
Vote in favor: Goli Sepehr, Martha Castle, and Kate Cook.

7. Consent Agenda

- District Handbook 2025-26: 2nd read
- Approval of minutes - June 10, 2025 minutes - held for later approval after revision.

There were motions to approve the Consent Agenda.
RSC: motion by Kevin Crotty, second by Mary Lowder.
Vote in favor: Jeff Cassidy, Toa Ashk, Kevin Crotty, Mary Lowder, and Lindsay Nie
SSC: motion by Megha Kadiyala, second by Bill Alfano
Vote in favor: Becca Hammond, Bill Alfano, Kate Manzolini, and Megha Kadiyala
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8. Informational Items

- Special Education Manual

9. Items for January 13, 2026

10. Adjourn at 7:42 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis