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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of February 3, 2026

Members Present: Angie Johnson
 Jeff Cassidy
 Lindsay Nie
 Kevin Crotty
 Mary Lowder
 Toa Ashk

1) Call to Order

Angie Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Student Council Representative Update

4) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy spoke about the ongoing budget process in regards to the financial pressure facing both towns that coincides with the conclusions of two multi-year studies as well as declining enrollment throughout the District:

- Instructional Leadership Study - the goal of the study was to determine if there is adequate support for educators. Without the financial constraints, the Administration would be recommending adding two K-12 Curriculum Coordinators (one for STEM, one for Humanities). For FY27, the Administration is recommending increasing the stipends for the existing Department Chairs.
- Elementary Instructional Time Study - In order to adhere to the increasing required standards for education metrics, the Administration is proposing 6 special per week (Art, Music, PE, Spanish, Library, and Technology for K-3/Band for 4-5) and reducing the Spanish program to 40-60 min/week (from 90-150 min/week).
- Enrollment - demographics are declining from 679 students at the HS in 2019 to 557 in 2027 and 524 students at the MS in 2019 to 447 in 2027. Staffing is being evaluated with the goal of reductions through attrition and retirements vs layoffs.

5) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Monthly Update - the first two in

6) Discussion Items

- FY27 Operating Budget version 2.0
 - Expected revenues have been adjusted based on the Governor's FY27 Budget resulting in \$122,676 in additional revenue (which will offset assessments to the Town);
 - Anticipated payroll savings from Retirements (\$116,000) and reduction in positions based on enrollment projections (\$290,000);
 - Addition of a part-time Transition Special Education Educator (\$30,000) that will be combined with the current part-time district-wide OOD coordinator;
 - Reduction of on SPED EA based on projected student needs (\$36,000);
 - Increase in district-wide PD of \$32,000 to address curriculum development support needs based on Instructional Leadership Study.

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- Adjusted overall budget increase of 3.72% (down from 5.03% in version 1.0) vs FY26. The itemized changes above reduced the Town's assessments by \$502,676. FY27 Budget 2.0 totals \$30,170,188.
- Version 3.0 may contain further changes to healthcare premium cost, utilities, and miscellaneous expenses as well as consideration of additional use of E&D based on revenue activities.
- FY27 Capital Budget - the Administration is on schedule to have a finalized bid for the HS Roof Restoration project prior to the Towns' finalizing their budgets.

7) Action Items

8) Consent Items

- Regional School Committee minutes of December 2, 2025
- Approval of Donations - \$500 for the Robotics team from the Xue family.
- Approval of HS Overnight Field Trip - DSHS Inquiry Club for Dartmouth College Model United Nations Conference, Friday April 10 - Sunday April 12, 2026.

Jeff Cassidy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kevin Crotty seconded.
26-01 VOTE: 6 - 0

9) Informational Items

10) Next Meeting February 11, 2026

11) Adjournment at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis