

**Dover School Committee**  
Meeting of February 10, 2026

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

**1) Call to Order**

Goli Sepehr called the meeting to order 6:33 pm.

**2) Community Comments** - several students gave a presentation advocating retaining the FLES program.

**3) Superintendent Comments** - Superintendent McCoy held her comments until Discussion Items.

**4) Financial Reports**

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Monthly Report
  - Salaries - SPED Administration reflects a savings of approximately \$15,000 based on the reallocation of responsibilities for the Pre-K Director position. The oversight of the pre-k program is now incorporated into the responsibilities of the Pine Hill SPED Coordinator and not a separate position; School Leadership-Building reflects \$16,000 in savings due to the retirement of an Administrative Assistant and the subsequent conversion of the position from 12-month to 10-month; and Educators, Classroom reflects savings from leaves of absences offsetting the previously reported negative variance.
  - Expenses - there are no material variances to report
  - Out-of-District - the total negative variance in tuition costs is approximately \$745,000: \$415,000 from new placements and \$475,000 from known placements not included in the budget based on one-year impacts, offset by \$145,000 of savings from placement changes.

**5) Discussion Items**

- Continued Discussion of Proposed Elementary Schedule Shift - Superintendent McCoy addressed feedback/questions she has received since the original presentation of the schedule shift on February 3rd. There was discussion with the Committee about how the decision was reached and other options that were explored as well as adding language options for to after-school offerings. There will be a meeting on February 24th with the Sherborn School Committee to continue the discussion and vote on Spanish Program moving to Exploratory Model.
- Proposed FY27 Budget V2.0

## **Approved 5.12.26**

- The proposed changes to the budget reflect a reduction of \$220,000 from V1.0 and an overall decrease of 18.10% vs 16.18% (the overall decrease is a result of the change in OOD accounting). The FY27 In-District Budget increase is now 2.63% vs 5.1% in V1.0.
- Salary savings are a result of the reconfiguration of the Pre-K Director position (\$20,000), addition of District-wide Curriculum Coordinator (28,000), confirmed retirements (\$65,000), reduction of 2.2 FTE Specialist - FLES (1.8) & PE (.4) (\$178,000), addition of .2 FTE BCBA (\$20,000), increase PD Contracted Services for Curriculum needs (\$15,000), and additional use of Pre-K Revolving Fund for Pre-K Staff (\$20,000).
- There are no changes to the OOD portion of the budget at this time.

### **6) Action Items**

### **7) Consent Items**

- Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2025
- Town Report
- Pre-School Tuition FY27 Rates - 4% increase

*Kate Cook made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kevin Bielke seconded.  
26-01 VOTE: 4 - 0*

### **8) Informational Items**

- Regional School Committee minutes of November 4 & December 2, 2025
- Sherborn School Committee Minutes - October 14 & December 9, 2025

### **9) Items for March 5, 2026 - FY27 Budget Hearing**

### **10) Adjournment at 8:07 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Davis