

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of September 15, 2026

Members Present: Angie Johnson
Lindsay Nie
Mary Lowder
Toa Ashk
Kevin Giordano

1) Call to Order

Angie Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Student Council Representatives - several members of the Student Council spoke about the plans for the coming year.

4) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy thanked all involved for a smooth, successful opening of school and introduced the new members of the Administration.

5) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Closeout
 - Revenues - total revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$235,006 (0.81%) comprised of the following variances: \$67,321 in Chapter 70 due to final state budget being higher than Governor's initial budget; \$72,535 from higher than projected Transportation reimbursement rate; \$138,175 over expected interest income; and negative \$37,355 due to Athletic Fees coming in lower than budgeted.
 - Salaries - negative variance of \$157,068 due to higher than expected substitute costs caused by extended leaves and additional EA's based on student needs.
 - Expenditures - positive variance of \$175,241 representing: savings in multiple function codes due to budgetary freeze placed in May; negative variance of \$134,217 in Utilities driven by higher electricity costs (new High School RTU's full electric); savings of \$102,107 in Employee healthcare costs based on participation/plan elections; and reduced contribution of \$150,000 to OPEB (from \$250,000).
 - Summary of Operations - overall surplus of \$253,179, leaving a estimated E&D fund balance (not yet certified) of \$1,000,722 (3.07% of FY27 operating budget).
- Capital Project Update - the turf field has been fully replaced and the roof project is 90% complete.

6) Discussion Items

- Subcommittee Assignments

7) Action items

- 2026-27 MS School Improvement Plan (2nd read)

Mary Lowder made a motion to approve the 2026-27 MS School Improvement Plan. Lindsay Nie seconded.

26-13 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

Approved 10.13.2026

- 2026-27 HS School Improvement Plan (2nd read)

Mary Lowder made a motion to approve the 2026-27 HS School Improvement Plan. Lindsay Nie seconded.

26-14 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

8) Consent Items

- Regional School Committee Minutes - June 9, 2026
- High School Field Trip to Orlando FL - Band and Chorus from April 7 - 10, 2027
- Middle School Field Trip to Washington DC - June 9 - 11, 2027
- Gifts - \$500 for the High School Bridge Program; \$1,200 from DS Hoops for their share of the purchase of new player chairs for the HS Basketball program; and in-kind give from Black Cow Ice Cream (\$350 value) for the ice cream sundae supplies provided for the 6th Grade visit day in August.

Mary Lowder made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Lindsay Nie seconded.

26-15 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

9) Informational Items

10)Next Meeting: October 13, 2026

11)Adjournment at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis