

Dover School Committee
Meeting of September 22, 2026

Members Present: Jessica Hole
Goli Sepehr (remote)
Kate Cook
Kevin Bielke
Laurence Migauskys
Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent
Heather Ronan, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) Call to Order

Jessie Hole called the meeting to order 6:31 pm.

2) Community Comments - An independent educational watchdog mentioned he has sent a public records request to the Superintendent.

3) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy thanked all involved for a smooth, successful opening of school.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Closeout
 - Salaries - the year ended with a positive balance of \$7,390 (0.10%)
 - Expenses - there was a positive variance of \$123,706 (10.43%) with the key driver being saving in SPED, Services representing the movement of outside SLP services to an educator position.
 - Out-of-District - expenses exceeded budget by \$826,639 (32.39%). There were six more placements than budgeted with a total negative variance in tuition of approximately \$770,000. Transportation costs were also over-budget due to the increase in number of placements.
 - Summary - overall results from operations were a positive variance of \$131,095 (1.47%) from In-District and a negative variance of \$826,639 from OOD resulting in a net negative variance of \$695,544 (6.07%). These unbudgeted costs were offset by the Circuit Breaker reimbursement of \$1,474,278 resulting in a net turn-back to the Town of Dover of \$778,734.

5) Discussion Items

6) Action Items

- Chickering School Improvement Plan (2nd read)

Kate Cook made motion to approve the Chickering School Improvement Plan. Laurence Migauskys seconded.

26-06 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

- Appoint METCO Liaison to the School Committee

Kevin Bielke made motion to appoint Sally Firnstein as the METCO Liaison to the Chickering School Committee. Laurence Migausky seconded.

26-07 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

7) Consent Items

- Approve Building Rental Fees
- Approve FY27 Non-Resident Tuition - \$24,646 for the 2026-27 school year and that any additional support service costs be added to an individual student's tuition based on a fair share of those additional services as computed by Administration.
- Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2026 - with edits

Laurence Migausky made motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kate Cook seconded.

26-08 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

8) Informational Items

- Subcommittee Assignments
- Sherborn School Committee Minutes - May 12, 2026
- Regional School Committee Minutes - June 9, 2026

9) Items for October 20, 2026 - class size report data.

10)Adjournment at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis