



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Meeting Notice
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, Room 305
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 15, 2020
Meeting Time:	6:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Amanda Russell called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 6:09 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Carolyn Mebert, Zachary Koehler, Jessica Rozzo and Rachel Burdin.

Also present were: Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Michael Limanni, Assistant Superintendents Paula Glynn and Christine Boston, District Administrators Patrick Boodey, Beth Dunton, Patty Driscoll, Kim Lyndes, Peter Driscoll, Peter Wotton, Samantha Tukey.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Rachel Burdin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. CITIZENS FORUM (Limited to agenda items only):

Rachel McCormick, 14 Toftree Lane – In support of full-day in-person learning.

Stephanie Kaddin, 173 Mast Road – In support of full-day in-person learning.

Larissa Ragazzo, 16 Mill Street – In support of full-day virtual learning.

Brianna Burnett, 1 Abbey Lane #36 – In support of full-day in-person learning.

Jodi Langellotti, 453 6th Street – In support of a full-day hybrid model.

Chris Prior, 150 Henry Law Avenue – In support of full-day in-person learning.

Nabia Fortier, 344 Washington Street – In support of a full-day hybrid model.

Crystal Lapoint, 398A 6th Street – In support of a full-day hybrid model.

Kirk Packard, 13 Bristol Lane – In support of in-person learning.

Stephanie DeStefano, 241 Dover Point Road – In support of full-day in-person learning.

Bret Carmichael, 7 Clearwater Drive – In support of virtual learning.

Jessica Nyby, 2 Crestview Drive – In support of full-day in-person learning.

Michelle Routhowska, 4 Mohawk Drive – In support of full-day in person learning.

William Burr, 37 Summer Street – Requesting information on how decision will be made for full return to in-person.



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Addition to agenda:

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to take a 5-minute break. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

E. PROPOSAL FOR THE PHASE-IN OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE:

Dr. Harbron discussed the new phase-in hybrid model being presented which allows students in grades kindergarten through grade five to have in-person learning and support five-days each week. He provided the original hybrid model of 2 days in-person/3 days virtual would not allow for students to have teacher support on their virtual days, as their teachers would be teaching the in-person cohorts. He provided the new plan presented places students in cohort groups to allow for proper contract tracing. Dr. Harbron reminded the Board that the plan does not guarantee there will be no infection but reduces the risk with each precaution being made.

Mr. Boodey provided the half-day model is the safest way to keep students, staff and families safe. Class sizes would be cut in half, which allows for the recommended six-foot social distancing. He also provided it fixes one of the largest obstacles the District faced in keeping students and staff safe, which was feeding students. The model reduces the risk of transmission by providing students a lunch to take home, rather than students eating unmasked in a room full of others.

The Board discussed their concerns regarding the plan presented and listened to feedback given by administration.

Keith Holt moved; Rachel Burdin seconded to accept the half-day plan presented with keeping an option to remain virtual as well. **An oral VOTE PASSED 6/1.**

F. DOVER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS – TOURNAMENT PLAY:

Dr. Harbron requests the Board allow Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Wotton permission to make decisions regarding tournament play based on safety factors.

Zachary Koehler moved; Keith Holt seconded to allow red zone teams to play in Dover and to allow Peter Wotton and Peter Driscoll the ability to make decisions with the fire chief regarding play. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

G. MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Dr. Harbron requests the Board begin to think about planning for the holidays and discussions for future meetings.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded adjourning the meeting at 9:09 PM. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**