



**DOVER SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

## DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

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| Meeting Type:     | Special Meeting Notice          |
| Meeting Location: | McConnell Center, Room 305      |
| Meeting Date:     | <b>Monday, December 7, 2020</b> |
| Meeting Time:     | <b>6:00 P.M.</b>                |

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Amanda Russell called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:01 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Carolyn Mebert, Zachary Koehler, and Rachel Burdin. Jessica Rozzo was excused.

Also present were: Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Michael Limanni, Assistant Superintendent Christine Boston, and District Administrators Peter Driscoll and Peter Wotton.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Keith Holt led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Erik Roy – 20 Sunset Drive. In support of the Dover High School Hockey program.  
Colby Roy – 20 Sunset Drive. In support of the Dover High School Hockey program.  
Dario Ceppetelli – 44 Lone Pine. In support of the Dover High School Hockey program.

**E. COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE AND IMPACT ON THE DISTRICT:**

Dr. Boston provided an overview of the most recent COVID-19 Metric provided by Dr. Harvey, as well as provided an update on District employees affected by positive cases. She included the District is moving into the medium to higher risk categories, with five positive staff cases, zero positive in-person student cases, and thirty-eight staff quarantined, dropping by two from the previous week. She also provided the positive cases have been contact traced to locations within communities, rather than within the District.

**F. WINTER ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

Mr. Driscoll presented a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the preparation of winter sports, to review the risks, and provide options. He provided the protocols are similar to those followed in the fall.

When asked how coaches would be paid, Mr. Driscoll provided they were looking at an hourly rate. Mr. Limanni will verify with the District attorney to verify this would not be in violation of the collective bargaining agreement.

The Board deliberated for some time, discussing topics that included how to keep students and student athletes as safe as possible, the social emotional need of students, and the urgency of bringing small groups of students back together other than through athletics.

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve Model 1 with the need to look specifically at the hourly pay rate of coaches. Zachary Koehler requested an amendment to include if a student plays on a District team, that student will not be able to participate on other teams or clubs outside of the District. **An oral VOTE FAILED 3/3.**



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Throughout further discussions, the Board made several motions regarding winter athletics, prior to coming to a vote.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Rachel Burdin seconded to approve the amended Option 1 of the Winter Athletic season to include; Varsity following a modified schedule and only participate in interscholastic competitions when Strafford County has seen a 3-4-week trend in case load and transmission of COVID-19 confirmed cases following the District's COVID-19 Metric. Cases per 100k must either remain or move below the Medium/Imminent Risk Category and other factors do not move into the High/Critical Risk Category. Junior Varsity and Middle School athletics would follow a skills-based practice schedule only. Student athletes participating in a District sport will not be allowed to play on teams/clubs outside of the District during the winter season. **An oral VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

### **G. REMOTE BOARD MEETINGS:**

Carolyn Mebert moved; Jessica Rozzo seconded to move to remote School Board meetings until mid-January where the decision will be revisited.

The Board made the decision that during public meetings, letters sent to the School Board will be read aloud at public meetings if the letter specifically states to read it during the public meeting and the letter meets a 500-word count limit. This information will be posted on meeting notices.

If a letter sent to the Board is asking to support another letter submitted, the Board asks that rather than re-reading the supporting letter, the sender states that they are in support of said letter. **An oral VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

### **H. MATTERS OF INTEREST:**

Mr. Koehler asks that the public refrain from adding profanities and offensive language in the letters sent to the Board. They ask for respectful opinions or suggestions.

Dr. Mebert reported the NH Education Funding Commission recently submitted its final report with a costing model for education. The model is an attempt to have the poor performing districts rise to the average level in the state, and the cost associated with the attempt.

Mr. Koehler announced the Collaborative Committee between City Council and the School Board will be meeting next week, December 15 and asks if there are any topics for discussion points, please email himself.

### **I. ADJOURNMENT:**

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:47 PM. **An oral VOTE PASSED 6/0.**