



DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting #1
Meeting Location: City Hall, Council Chambers
Meeting Date: **Monday, January 11, 2021**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Amanda Russell called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Russell read the following statement:

"I find an 'emergency' exists within the meaning of RSA 91-A:2, III(b). Immediate action is imperative, and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The facts on which my find of an 'emergency' is based are the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the need to accommodate social distancing and minimization of in person contacts, and this body's ongoing, immediate need to address the important matters on the agenda for this meeting."

- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russel, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Carolyn Mebert, Zachary Koehler, Rachel Burdin and Jessica Rozzo.

Each Board member provided the reason they felt the remote meeting was reasonably practicable.

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

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Rachel Burdin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- D. AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Keith Holt moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

- E. CITIZENS' FORUM:**

Abby Clifford – In support of in-person learning beginning in February.

Eric Roy – In support of Dover High School Hockey.

Sheila Kageleiry - In support of in-person learning.

- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1. Special Meeting, December 7, 2020**
- 2. Joint Barrington/Dover School Board Meeting, December 14, 2020**
- 3. Regular Meeting #12, December 14, 2020**

Zachary Koehler moved; Keith Holt seconded approval of the minutes as presented. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**



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G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Correspondence:** None
- 2. Resignations/Retirements:** None
- 3. Leaves of Absence:** None
- 4. Job Shares:** None
- 5. Nominations:**
 - a. DPA Nominations
 - b. Coaching Nominations
- 6. Extended Travel (Student Trips):** None
- 7. Donations:** January Donations

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

H. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: None

I. POLICY-CHANGES-PROPOSALS: None

J. POLICY ADOPTION:

1. BEDG – Guidelines for Email Submission to Public Forum

Zachary Koehler moved; Keith Holt seconded to approve the policy as presented. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 6/1.**

2. GCG – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment

Zachary Koehler moved; Keith Holt seconded to approve the policy as presented. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

K. RESOLUTIONS: None

L. OLD BUSINESS: None

M. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dover High School Program of Studies Proposed Changes

Peter Driscoll requested the Board approve the proposed changes to the Program of Studies for the 2021-2022 school year.

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve the proposed Program of Studies. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

2. Dover High School Class of 2021 Proposed Graduation Date



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Peter Driscoll requested the Board approve June 15, 2021 as the proposed Class of 2021 graduation date, with a rain date of June 16, 2021.

Zachary Koehler moved; Keith Holt seconded to approve the proposed graduation dates.
A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.

3. COVID-19 Pandemic Data Update

Dr. Harbron discussed the planning for the re-entry of students and requests feedback from the Board for further planning.

Dr. Harbron provided that the major shift in planning was due to the recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics stating that children under 10 years of age be at a three-foot social distancing space, rather than a six-foot distance. He also stressed the importance the community impact has on the reopening of schools and the importance of keeping the numbers low.

Dr. Boston discussed the latest metric and the current data for Dover and Strafford County.

Dr. Harbron presented the plan of a re-entry of grades kindergarten through the fourth grade for in-person learning, which is achievable with the three-foot distancing. He included the middle and high school leadership is working on targeting groups of cohorts.

Keith Holt moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve February 8, 2021 to be the return date for students in Kindergarten through fourth grade for full-day in-person learning, with the option for those that are not comfortable with in-person to remain virtual. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

4. Remote School Board Meetings

The Board discussed continuing to meet virtually while community transmission remains high.

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve meetings be held virtually until the end of January. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

5. Condition of Accounts

Mr. Limanni discussed the condition of accounts.

N. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Keith Holt moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay Manifest 21-G in the amount of \$4,064,472.26 for FY21 for the period of December 13, 2020 through January 11, 2021, and the amount of \$416,736.10 for FY20 for the period of December 13,



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2020 through January 11, 2021, and the amount of \$34, 945.48 for FY 18 for the period of December 13, 2020 through January 11, 2021 totaling \$4,516,153.84. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

O. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Harbron submitted his report to the Board.

P. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

Q. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Ms. Russell surveyed the Board for a Special Session to take place next week. The Board agreed to meet January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Harbron informed the Board and public that laptops are being processed.

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to allow for varsity interscholastic competitions to take place, and to allow administration to suspend competition if in an area of high COVID positivity rates. **A roll call VOTE FAILED 3/4.**

R. ADJOURNMENT:

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded adjourning the meeting at 9:26 PM.
A roll call **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**