



DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting #8
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 306
Meeting Date: **Monday, August 9, 2021**
Meeting Time: **7:00 p.m.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Amanda Russell called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russel, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Carolyn Mebert, Zachary Koehler, Rachel Burdin and Jessica Rozzo.

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

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Keith Holt led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Dover High School Gymnasium to be included in M(7). **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

E. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Edwina Hastings, 7 Eric Drive – In support of family choice for masking students.

Sally Stoddy, 21 Sierra Hill Drive – In support of family choice for masking students.

Zach Woodward, Cushing Street – In support of family choice for masking students.

Brian Murphy, 56 Sandpiper Drive – In support of renaming Horne Street School in honor of Francis G. Hopkins. Requests the Board reconsider the policy for renaming buildings to not be limited to the deceased.

Amy Lokiawack, Harlans Way – In support of renaming Horne Street School in memory of Francis G. Hopkins.

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to allow Kathie Makum-Boucher to speak for today only. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Katie Makum-Boucher – Prior Dover resident. In support of renaming Horne Street School in memory of Francis G. Hopkins.

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to allow anyone in attendance with ties to Fran Hopkins who is not a Dover resident, be allowed to speak. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Kathleen Burn Smith – Prior Dover resident. In support of renaming Horne Street School in memory of Francis G. Hopkins.



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Micaela Demeter, 33 A Piscataqua Road – In support of optional masking for those vaccinated, required for those not yet vaccinated.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Special Session, June 23, 2021-Amended Minutes**
- 2. Non-Public Meeting #3, July 12, 2021**
- 3. Regular Meeting #7, July 12, 2021**

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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Correspondence:** None
- 2. Resignations/Retirements:**
 - a. Emily Sherman / Dean of Students / Dover High School / Resignation
 - b. Donna Gilbert / Special Education Teacher / Dover Middle School / Resignation
 - c. Caryn Anderson / Literacy Intervention Specialist / Dover Middle School / Resignation
 - d. Danielle Nelson / Computer Skills Teacher / Dover Middle School / Resignation
- 3. Leaves of Absence:**
 - a. Kathryn Kyricos Fontaine / Social Students Teacher / Dover High School
- 4. Job Shares:** None
- 5. Nominations:**
 - a. DTU Nominations
 - b. DPA Nomination
 - c. Non-Union Nomination
 - d. Fall Coaching Nominations
- 6. Extended Travel (Student Trips):** None
- 7. Donations:** None

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

H. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: None

I. POLICY-CHANGES-PROPOSALS: None

J. POLICY ADOPTION: None

K. RESOLUTIONS: None

L. OLD BUSINESS: None

M. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Dover School District Re-Entry Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year**



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Dr. Harbron provided a summary of the Re-Entry Plan presented to the Board. He requests the board work with administration to create a metric for District use.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Keith Holt seconded to accept the Re-Entry Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Masks will be highly recommended at the high school level and will be required at the elementary and middle school level; the Board will meet regularly to revisit the decision on a regular basis. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

2. Dover School District – Code of Conduct

- Dover High School
- Dover Middle School
- Dover Elementary Schools

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the Codes of Conduct for each school. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

3. Dover School District 2021-2022 Handbook Revisions

- Dover High School
- Dover Middle School
- Dover Elementary Schools
- Dover Adult Learning Center

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the 2021-2022 handbook revisions. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

4. Woodman Park School and Dover Middle School Before and After School Programs – S.O.A.R. – Brandy Barshaw

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the S.O.A.R. programs with the conditions it be for one year only and the program provides proof of insurance and licensing. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

5. Seacoast Virtual School Consortium – Alternative Program

Dr. Harbron provided an update of the proposed program presented to the Board. Mr. Limanni provided an update relating to funding the program.

6. Memorandum of Understanding – Dover School District and Dover Police Department for Dover Middle School and Dover High School



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Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for both the Dover Middle School and Dover High School. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

7. Recommendation of Renaming – Horne Street School and Dover High School Basketball Court (addition to agenda: to include the Dover High School Gymnasium)

- **Horne Street School**

Mr. Koehler requests administration provide the renaming committee with potential name changes for Horne Street School to be approved at a later meeting by the Board.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Keith Holt seconded to accept the recommendation to add Francis G. Hopkins name to the Horne Street School. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

- **Dover High School Gymnasium**

Mr. Koehler requests the Board approve the request for the high school gymnasium to be named after Oliver J. Adams, as the previous high school gymnasium.

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to name the high school gymnasium the Oliver J. Adams Gymnasium. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

- **Dover High School Basketball Court**

Mr. Koehler requests the Board to not move forward with the request to change the name of the high school basketball court to include Mr. Kageleiry's name due to the protocols outlined in the Board policy for naming a building or part of a building.

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to not approve the recommendation to rename the high school basketball court. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

8. Condition of Accounts

Mr. Limanni discussed the condition of accounts.

N. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Keith Holt moved, Zachary Koehler seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay Manifest 22-B in the amount of \$1,060,167.56 for FY22 for the period of July 13, 2021 through August 9, 2021, and the amount of \$1,323,224.76 for FY21 for the period of June 30, 2021 through August 9, 2021, and the amount of \$2,840 for FY19 for the period of July 13, 2021 through August 9, 2021, totaling \$2,386,232.32. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**



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O. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Harbron submitted his report to the Board.

P. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Amanda Russell noted the new fencing at Dover High School has been installed.

Dr. Harbron recommends viewing the changes to Woodman Park School’s Circle Drive and parking lot.

Q. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Zachary Koehler provided his thanks to administration for their work on the planning for the re-entry of the 2021-2022 school year.

Amanda Russell noted how challenging many decisions are for the Board to make, stating, “it is not an easy job.”

S. ADJOURNMENT:

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:34 PM.
An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.