



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting #10
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 306
Meeting Date: **Monday, October 4, 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, October 4, 2021 at 7:01 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Carolyn Mebert, Jessica Rozzo, Zachary Koehler and Rachel Burdin.

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 and Patty Driscoll.

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Zachary Koehler led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the agenda as presented.
An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.

E. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Kathleen Cintavey, 5 Olive Meadow Road – Discussed the District's COVID dashboard.

Sally Staude, 21 Sierra Hill Drive – Discussed the District's lack of substitute teachers.

Madeline O'Reilly, 60 Fourth Street – In support of parent choice for mask wearing. Against any course material pertaining to Critical Race Theory.

Jodi Langellotti, 453 Sixth Street – In support of universal masking.

Ryan Christenbury, 98 Coheco Street – In support of universal masking.

Michelle Routhouska, 4 Mohawk Drive – In support of parent choice for mask wearing.

Micaela Demeter, 33 A Piscataqua Road – Acknowledged the donation for the Kate Crowell scholarship. Provides she is appreciative for the mental health training some district students are receiving.

Michelle Clancy, 22 Parsons Lane – Discussed substitute shortage. Encourages those that can sub to apply.

Robin Trefethen, 3 Nantucket Court – In support of universal masking.

Carolyn Carr, 11 Lucy Lane – Requests Dover Middle School student lockers be available to students for use and for students to have more access to water throughout the day.

Monique Foote, 27 Elm Street – In support of universal masking.



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Jamie Berggren, 123 Durham Road – In support of parent choice for mask wearing.

Andrew, Toland Road – In support of parent choice for mask wearing. Requests more attention be focused on teaching students about Constitution Day.

Joanne Moore, 17 County Farm Road – In support of parent choice for mask wearing.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Regular Meeting #9, September 13, 2021**
- 2. Non-Public Meeting #6, September 13, 2021**

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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Correspondence:** None
- 2. Resignations/Retirements:**
 - Richard Chamberland / Math Teacher / Dover High School / Resignation
 - Timothy Reynolds / Special Education Teacher / Dover High School / Resignation
- 3. Leaves of Absence:** None
- 4. Job Shares:** None
- 5. Nominations:**
 - DTU Nominations
 - DPA Nomination
- 6. Extended Travel (Student Trips):** None
- 7. Donations:** October Donations

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to amend the agenda with the removal of G.2.b. for a separate vote. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve the remainder of the agenda as amended. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to accept resignation G.2.b., pending the hiring of a replacement. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0**

H. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: None

I. POLICY-CHANGES-PROPOSALS:

- 1. BA – School Board By-Laws – First Reading (Revisions)**
- 2. BEC – Non-Public Sessions – First Reading (New Policy)**
- 3. BEDG – Meeting Minutes – First Reading (Revisions)**
- 4. EBCA – Crisis Prevention & Emergency Response Plans – First Reading (Revisions)**



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5. **GBCD – Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check – First Reading (Revisions)**
6. **IGE – Parental Objections to Specific Course Material – First Reading (Revisions)**
7. **IGEA – Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines – First Reading (Revisions)**
8. **IHBG – Home Education Instruction & Access to Curricular and Co-Curricular Programs – First Reading (Revisions)**
9. **JCA – Change of Class or School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship – First Reading (New Policy)**
10. **JEC – Change of School or Assignment-Manifest Educational Hardship – First Reading (Withdrawal)**
11. **JLCJA – Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation – First Reading (New Policy)**

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to table the policies until the next regular meeting. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0**

J. POLICY ADOPTION:

1. **JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process – First and Second Reading**

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the policy presented. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0**

K. RESOLUTIONS:

1. **FY2021-2022 Closeout of Garrison Elementary School Construction Project**

Amanda Russell informed the public the GES construction renovation project has been completed, a balance remains of \$38,562.63. The resolution proposes to move the funds to the DHS project.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to accept the resolution. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

L. OLD BUSINESS: None

M. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Petition Submitted by Dover Citizens Regarding Face Coverings**

Ms. Russell explained the RSA presented with the petition is in reference to towns that hold town meetings. After consulting with the school and city attorney's, this RSA does not apply to the city of Dover.

2. **Renaming of Horne Street School**



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Patty Driscoll requested the Board accept the name change for Horne Street School to be renamed to the Francis G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street, shortened to FGH Horne Street when answering the phones, etc... The name change will take place next fall.

Keith Holt moved; Jessica Rozzo seconded to approve changing the name of Horne Street School to Francis G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street. **An Oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

3. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Timeline

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 budget timeline. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

4. Review of COVID-19 Metric and Identify Level of Restrictions

Dr. Boston provided an update on COVID-19 data for the city, county and district.

District administrators provided an update on mask wearing and water breaks as follows:

Dover High School students are able to carry water bottles and refill at fountains located throughout the school. Mask wearing has been positive with few reminders to cover noses.

Dover Middle School students fill water bottles at water stations located in every grade level. Offices have water bottles and refillable bottles available for students. Mask wearing has been positive with few reminders to cover noses. Principal Lyndes provided Middle school lockers are currently being used for storage. This is due to the close proximity of each locker, if used by students, District protocols could not be followed.

Horne Street School students have refillable water bottles. The school receives many donations of water bottles for students. Mask wearing has been positive.

Woodman Park School students are able to fill water bottles at the sinks located in their classroom. Mask wearing has been positive.

5. Condition of Accounts

Mr. Limanni discussed the condition of accounts.

N. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:



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Keith Holt moved, Zachary Koehler seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay Manifest 22-D in the amount of \$3,112,357.98 for FY22 for the period of September 14, 2021 through October 4, 2021, and the amount of \$131,731.43 for FY21 for the period of September 14, 2021 through October 4, 2021, totaling \$3,244,089.41. **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:

Keith Holt requests families become aware of the TikTok challenge happening across the country, and that parents/guardians speak with their children about the implications of the challenges, as many would be considered criminal acts.

Zachary Koehler requests citizens continue to be involved in Board meetings, no matter the topic of discussion on future agendas.

Amanda Russell provided the substitute shortage has been an issue but was magnified by the pandemic on a national level. She also provided Critical Race Theory is not being taught in any public schools in New Hampshire.

S. ADJOURNMENT:

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:24 PM.
An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.