



DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting #1
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 306
Meeting Date: **Monday, January 9, 2023**
Meeting Time: **7:00 p.m.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Carolyn Mebert called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 7:01 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Carolyn Mebert, Jessica Rozzo, Kathy Morrison, Maggie Fogarty, Robin Trefethen, Micaela Demeter, and Michelle Clancy.

Also present were Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Michael Limanni, District Administrators Abby Small, Siobhan Mehalek, Kiley Hemphill, Jen Krans, Travis Bickford, Peter Driscoll, Kim Lyndes, Patrick Boodey, and Patty Driscoll.

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Michelle Clancy led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Dr. Harbron requested the Board delay making a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget as requested under the New Business portion of the agenda until the Special Session scheduled for January 17, 2023. He provided the delay will allow for additional time to review the information pulled from District's software for accuracy of the budget presented.

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded to approve the agenda. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

E. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Jessica Nyby, 2 Crestview Drive – Informed the Board she would be reading letters written by community members unable to attend:

Jennifer Fansler, 28 Glenwood Avenue – Spoke on behalf of Principal Patty Driscoll.

Chasse Family, 32 Conifer Commons – Spoke on behalf of Principal Patty Driscoll.

Jocelyn Hayden, Florence Street – Spoke on behalf of Principal Patty Driscoll.

Sarah Denham, Cranbrook Lane – Spoke on behalf of Principal Patty Driscoll.

Jessica Nyby – Spoke on behalf of Principal Patty Driscoll.

Sally Staude, Sierra Hill Drive – Spoke against having books containing sexual content in the schools' libraries as well as in the SORA database. She requests the Board review SORA for these types of books.

Elaine Plant, Back Road – Spoke against having books containing sexual content in the schools' libraries.

Jill Brooks, 60 Cushing Street – Spoke in regard to SORA and requested parents be given access to the database. Spoke in support of the books referenced as containing sexual content in the schools' libraries as well as the School Board policy for reconsideration of materials.

Citizen's Forum 7:02 – 7:19 (17 minutes)



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Maggie Fogarty moved; Robin Trefethen seconded to move the remaining time for Citizen's Forum to follow Committee Reports. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

F. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING – Donation of funds from GYK Antler in the amount of \$5,000:

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded to open the Public Hearing. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Carolyn Mebert requested additional information on the donation to which Kim Lyndes informed the Board that GYK is a group of business entrepreneurs. She explained the group held an event that NH Lottery won prizes at, one being a visit from Chaos and Kindness. NH Lottery chose Dover Middle School as their school of choice to have an assembly featuring Chaos and Kindness, as well as to receive a donation of funds. The funds will be used to purchase student supplies for the new common areas in each grade level wing at the middle school.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Budget Workshop #2, December 5, 2022
2. Regular Meeting #12, December 12, 2022
3. Budget Workshop #3, December 19, 2022

Michelle Clancy moved; Robin Trefethen seconded approval of the minutes as presented. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

H. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Correspondence:** None
2. **Resignations/Retirements:**
 - a. Patty Driscoll – Principal – Frances G. Hopkins School at Horne Street - Retirement
 - b. Lisa Hergott – Wellness Teacher – Dover Middle School – Retirement
 - c. Kelli McKenna – Family Outreach Coordinator – Woodman Park School - Resignation
3. **Leaves of Absence:** None
4. **Job Shares:** None
5. **Nominations:**
 - a. DTU Nomination
 - b. DPA Nominations
6. **Extended Travel (Student Trips):** None
7. **Donations:** (Public Hearing Donation Only – Action Taken During New Business)

Carolyn Mebert requested to pull the retirement request for Patty Driscoll for a separate vote.

Robin Trefethen moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded to remove the retirement request for Patty Driscoll from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

The Board expressed their appreciation to Principal Patty Driscoll.

Robin Trefethen moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded to approve the retirement request. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**



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I. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Student representative Griffin Sawyer updated the Board on events at Dover High School:

- A variety of fundraisers have recently taken place, including the NHS Annual Holiday event, and the Stuff the Bus event run by Student Council.
- Entering Mid-term season.
- Data was collected pertaining to Tutor.com. Results show more than 50% of students have heard of the program, but not as many have utilized it. He will collect additional data in the future.

J. POLICY-CHANGES-PROPOSALS:

1. EEA – Student Transportation Services – Revised Policy, First Reading
2. ECD – Unmanned Aircraft Systems-Drones – New Policy, First Reading
3. EG – District Communication Plan – New Policy, First Reading
4. IHBG – Home Education Instruction and Access to Curricular and Co-Curricular Programs – Revised Policy, First Reading
5. IHBG-R – Participation in Public School Activities by Home Educated, and Non-Public School Pupils – Withdraw, First Reading
6. IKFC – Alternate Diploma Policy – Revised Policy, First Reading

Kiley Hemphill reviewed the District's current process for translating documents and communications for non-English speaking families.

Michelle Clancy moved; Jessica Rozzo seconded to table the policies presented until the next regular meeting. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

K. POLICY ADOPTION:

1. EBBB – Indoor Air Quality and Water Quality – Revised Policy, Second Reading

Michelle Clancy moved; Jessica Rozzo seconded to approve the policy presented. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

L. RESOLUTIONS: None

M. OLD BUSINESS: None

N. NEW BUSINESS:

1. GYK Antler Donation

Dr. Harbron requested the Board approve the donation.

Maggie Fogarty moved; Robin Trefethen seconded to approve the donation of \$5,000. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Carolyn Mebert - Aye
Jessica Rozzo - Aye
Kathy Morrison - Aye



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Robin Trefethen - Aye
Micaela Demeter - Aye
Michelle Clancy – Aye

2. Dover High School Class of 2023 Graduation Date Request

Mr. Driscoll requested the Board approve the proposed graduation dates for Dover High School Class of 2023 to be held at Dunaway Field.

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded to accept June 8, 2023, as the Dover High School Class of 2023 Graduation date and June 9, 2023, as the rain date. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

3. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Adoption

Dr. Harbron reiterated the need to delay making a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget until the January 17 Special Session.

Robin Trefethen requested stipends for the Sound Waves Choral Director and Jazz Band Director be added to the budget as they are not funded by the Dover Parents Music Club. Due to the classes being credit bearing, she feels the stipends should be funded by the District. After discussions by the Board, Michael Limanni responded the stipend amounts will be added to the budget to be presented to the Board on January 17.

The Board discussed class sizes as well as the staffing proposal presented at previous meetings.

4. Condition of Accounts

Mr. Limanni updated the Board on the condition of accounts.

O. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Robin Trefethen moved, Micaela Demeter seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay Manifest 23-G in the amount of \$4,843,148.16 for FY23 for the period of December 13, 2022, through January 9, 2023. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Carolyn Mebert - Aye
Jessica Rozzo - Aye
Kathy Morrison - Aye
Maggie Fogarty - Aye
Robin Trefethen - Aye
Micaela Demeter - Aye
Michelle Clancy - Aye

P. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Harbron presented his report to the Board.



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Q. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Micaela Demeter announced the Curriculum Committee met last week to review the District's process for putting through a new or previous course. Next month the committee will hear reports and updates regarding current curriculum.

Carolyn Mebert announced the District Data Committee will meet on Thursday.

CONTINUATION OF CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No citizens spoke.

Micaela Demeter moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded adjourning Citizen's Forum. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

R. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Maggie Fogarty announced the New Hampshire State Legislature is back in session. A public hearing will be held on Thursday in the House Education Committee regarding HB61, the Divisive Concepts Act. For assistance in contacting the committee, email Maggie Fogarty at m.fogarty@dover.k12.nh.us.

Micaela Demeter announced you can email the entire House Education Committee at houseeducationcommittee@leg.state.nh.us.

Dr. Harbron announced he will research hyperlinks mentioned previously as being in SORA. Carolyn Mebert requested Board members be given access to SORA, to which some Board members provided they have access.

Micaela Demeter requested citizens who object to District material must follow School Board Policy KEC - Reconsideration of Instructional Materials and complete School Board Policy KEC-R – Form for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:56 PM. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**