



DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting #12
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 306
Meeting Date: Monday, December 9, 2024
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Robin Trefethen called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Present were Robin Trefethen, Carolyn Mebert, Michelle Clancy, Maggie Fogarty, Micaela Demeter, Elizabeth Goldman, and Craig Flynn.

Also present were Superintendent William Harbron, Assistant Superintendent Christine Boston, Chief Financial Officer Michael Limanni, District Administrator's Thomas Rup, Abby Small, Jennifer Krans, Travis Bickford, Siobhan Mehalek, Peter Driscoll, and Patrick Boodey.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was done during the Board's 6 p.m. Budget Workshop

D. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Carolyn Mebert moved; Craig Flynn seconded to approve the agenda. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

E. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING – Donation of funds from National Gypsum/Gold Bond Building of Portsmouth, New Hampshire in the amount of \$25,000.

No citizens were present.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Craig Flynn seconded to accept the \$25,000 donation from National Gypsum/Gold Bond Building of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. **A Roll Call Vote PASSED 7/0.**

Robin Trefethen - Aye
Carolyn Mebert - Aye
Michelle Clancy - Aye
Maggie Fogarty - Aye
Elizabeth Goldman - Aye
Micaela Demeter - Aye
Craig Flynn - Aye

F. CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No citizens were present.

The Board tabled Citizen's Forum to follow Committee Reports.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting, November 4, 2024
2. Special Session, November 18
3. Budget Workshop, November 25, 2024

Carolyn Mebert moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded approval of the minutes. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Superintendent submitted his report to the Board.

I. CONSENT AGENDA:



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1. **Correspondence:** None
2. **Resignations/Retirements:**
 - a. Vanessa Calabrese – Title I Tutor – Woodman Park School – Resignation (December 2, 2024)
 - b. Kathleen Gagnon – Paraeducator – Dover High School – Retirement (December 20, 2024)
 - c. Jo-Ann Gardella – Art Teacher – Dover Middle School – Retirement (June 30, 2025)
 - d. Jennifer Mone – Civics Teacher – Dover Middle School – Resignation (December 2, 2024)
3. **Leaves of Absence:**
 - a. Meredith Lapoint – Dean of Students - Dover High School (June 4 - 30, 2025)
 - b. Molly Meisner – Grade 7/8 Teacher – Dover Middle School (June 2 - 30, 2025)
4. **Job Shares:** None
5. **Nominations:**
 - a. DPA Nominations
6. **Extended Travel (Student Trips):** None
7. **Donations:** None

Maggie Fogarty moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

J. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Theo Sawyer provided the following updates on the happenings at Dover High School:

- A recognition assembly was recently held where students, athletes, clubs and organizations were recognized for their outstanding achievements.
- Negative bathroom behaviors are being addressed.
- Many Dover High School students are in support of the athletic complex.

K. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Limanni reviewed his Financial Report with the Board.

L. POLICIES – CHANGES - PROPOSALS: None

M. POLICY ADOPTION:

1. FAA – Annual Facility Plan – Revised Policy – Second Reading

Carolyn Mebert moved; Craig Flynn seconded approval of the policy presented. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

N. RESOLUTIONS: None

O. OLD BUSINESS: None

P. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Research Request by Amie Crowley – “How does social-emotional learning affect students in a middle school classroom?”**



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Amie Crowley spoke to the Board regarding her research request.

Elizabeth Goldman moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded to approve the research request. **An Oral Vote PASSED 6/1.**

2. Tuition Agreement with Barrington School District

Carolyn Mebert moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded to approve the tuition agreement with the Barrington School District. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

3. Dover High School and Career Technical Center 2025-2026 Program of Studies

Peter Driscoll reviewed the changes being made to the Program of Studies.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Elizabeth Goldman seconded to approve the Program of Studies. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

4. Dover School District 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Maggie Fogarty moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Dover School District Academic Calendar. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

Q. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Michelle Clancy moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay Manifest 25-F in the amount of \$5,704,405.40 for FY25 for the period of November 2, 2024, through December 6, 2024. **A Roll Call Vote PASSED 7/0.**

Robin Trefethen - Aye
Carolyn Mebert - Aye
Michelle Clancy - Aye
Maggie Fogarty - Aye
Elizabeth Goldman - Aye
Micaela Demeter - Aye
Craig Flynn - Aye

R. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Carolyn Mebert announced the Survey Committee for the New Hampshire Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBA) met to discuss ideas to reduce vaping.

S. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Micaela Demeter requested an update be given on the Portrait of a Learner, and the Portrait of a Graduate, to which Dr. Harbron responded an update would be provided.

Robin Trefethen announced that the Dover High School and Dover Middle School chorus concert will be held on December 11th at Dover High School, the same evening as the city's public hearing for the athletic complex. The band concert for grades 6-12 will perform on December 12th at Dover High School.



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Re-opening of Citizen's Forum: No citizens were present.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded to adjourn Citizen's Forum. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**