



## DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting #1  
**Meeting Location:** City Hall, Council Chambers  
**Meeting Date:** Monday, January 12, 2026  
**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, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present were Superintendent Christine Boston, Chief Financial Officer Michael Limanni, District Administrator's Abby Small, Thomas Rup, Jennifer Krans, Siobhan Mehalek, Travis Bickford, Peter Driscoll, Patrick Boodey, Beth Dunton, and Brittany Granfield. Dover Adult Learning Director Deanna Strand was also present.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the 6 p.m. School Board Budget Workshop that preceded this meeting.

**D. AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

**E. CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

No citizens spoke.

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

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Budget Workshop, December 1, 2025
2. Budget Workshop, December 8, 2025
3. Regular Meeting, December 8, 2025

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded approval of the minutes. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

**G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

The Superintendent submitted her report to the Board.

**H. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Correspondence:** None
2. **Resignations/Retirements:**
  - a. Emily Boles – Dean's Assistant/Paraeducator – Dover Middle School – Resignation (12/31/25)
  - b. Denise Copley – Grade 6 Teacher – Dover Middle School – Retirement (06/30/25)
  - c. Lindsay Mahra – Paraeducator – Dover High School – Resignation (01/01/26)
  - d. Karen Merrill – Paraeducator – Dover High School – Resignation (01/02/2026)
  - e. Doreen Paiva – Paraeducator – Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street - Resignation (01/15/26)
  - f. Shawna Stahl – Accounting Coordinator – SAU – Resignation (01/09/26)
3. **Leaves of Absence:** None



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4. **Job Shares:** None
5. **Nominations:**
  - a. DPA Nomination
6. **Extended Travel (Student Trips):** None
7. **Donations:** None

Maggie Fogarty moved; Micaela Demeter seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

### I. STUDENT REPORT:

Student Representative Connor Sprague introduced himself and provided an update on the happenings at Dover High School:

- Student Council held a food drive, collecting over 1,000 cans.
- Business program held a food drive for Snap Back Seacoast. They won award for the most collected goods and raffled several gift cards donated by local businesses to those who donated a certain amount of food.
- National Honor Society held a walk-to-school day with Woodman Park School students.
- Students are excited for the new athletic complex and enjoy watching the progress being made.
- National Honor Society held a holiday event for children, raising money for the American Cancer Society.
- Red Cross held a successful blood drive in November.
- Midterms will be held next week.

### J. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Michael Limanni presented his financial report to the Board and provided an update on the SchoolCare assessment.

### K. POLICIES – CHANGES - PROPOSALS:

1. GBEBB – Staff Conduct with Students – Revised Policy – First Reading
2. IIB – Class Size – Revised Policy – First Reading
3. IKB – Homework – Revised Policy – First Reading
4. JCA – Change of Class or School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship – Revised Policy – First Reading
5. JG – Assignment of Students to Classes – Revised Policy – First Reading
6. JLCJA – Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation – Revised Policy – First Reading

Maggie Fogarty moved; Michelle Clancy seconded to table the policies presented until the next regular meeting. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

### L. POLICY ADOPTION:

1. EBB – School Safety Program – Revised Policy - Second Reading
2. EBBB – Accident Reports – Revised Policy – Second Reading
3. IHBH – Extended Learning Opportunities – Revised Policy – Second Reading
4. IHBI – Alternative Learning Plans – Revised Policy – Second Reading



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5. IHCA – Summer Activities – New Policy – Second Reading
6. IMBA – Distance Education – Revised Policy – Second Reading
7. IMBC – Alternative Credit Options – Withdraw Policy – Second Reading
8. JIC – Student Conduct – Revised Policy – Second Reading
9. JIH-R(1) – Student Searches and Their Property – Search of Students / Procedures and Regulations – New Policy Appendix – Second Reading
10. JLIA – Supervision of Students – New Policy – Second Reading

Craig Flynn moved; Elizabeth Goldman seconded to approve the policies presented. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

**M. RESOLUTIONS:** None

**N. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**O. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Dover High School Class of 2026 Graduation Date Request**

Peter Driscoll requested the Board approve June 4, 2026, as the graduation date for the Class of 2026. He included the ceremony will be held at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore Center.

Seana Hallberg moved; Elizabeth Goldman seconded to approve June 4, 2026, as the graduation date for the Class of 2026. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

**2. Dover High School and Regional Career Technical Center Program of Studies**

Peter Driscoll provided an overview of the revisions made to the Freshman Program of Studies.

Craig Flynn moved; Micaela Demeter seconded to approve the Program of Studies presented. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

**3. Dover School District Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Adoption**

Robin Trefethen announced the Board held multiple budget workshops to review the Fiscal Year 2027 budget before determining the scenario they would like to move forward with.

Craig Fynn moved; Michelle Clancy seconded to approve the 2027 Fiscal Year Budget consisting of an operating budget of \$97,147,239, and a special revenue budget of \$5,635,738, totaling \$102,782,977. **A Roll Call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Robin Trefethen - Aye  
Michelle Clancy - Aye  
Craig Flynn - Aye  
Maggie Fogarty - Aye  
Elizabeth Goldman - Aye  
Micaela Demeter – Aye  
Seana Hallberg - Aye

**P. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:**



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Craig Flynn moved; Michelle Clancy seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay Manifest 26-G in the amount of \$5,544,554.20 for FY26 for the period of December 6, 2025, through January 9, 2026. **A Roll Call Vote PASSED 7/0.**

Robin Trefethen - Aye  
Michelle Clancy - Aye  
Craig Flynn - Aye  
Maggie Fogarty - Aye  
Elizabeth Goldman - Aye  
Micaela Demeter – Aye  
Seana Hallberg - Aye

### Q. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Craig Flynn announced the Dover High School Athletic Complex Joint Building Committee has not met since his last update; however, contractors have provided positive updates regarding progress made thus far, and their January goals. He included the committee will meet January 14 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Robin Trefethen announced the district's four negotiation committees have continued meeting – Administrator, Teacher, Paraeducators and Office Professionals.

### R. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Micaela Demeter provided a legislative update and reviewed a few of the bills scheduled for testimony on January 15.

Ms. Demeter read her proposed testimony for HB 1636 and requested the Board provide their consent for her to read it on their behalf at Thursday's legislative session.

Maggie Fogarty moved; Elizabeth Goldman seconded to allow Micaela Demeter to speak on behalf of the Board at the upcoming legislative session. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

Craig Flynn announced 12 students in the Youth-to-Youth program will travel to the State House on January 13. Three students will testify before the Senate Commerce Committee regarding proposed legislation discussing warning signage at businesses with liquor licenses and state liquor stores outlining the risks and dangers of consuming alcohol, including its potential to cause cancer.

Christine Boston announced several cosmetology students, with an instructor, will testify on January 20 regarding a bill to establish a task force to develop a cosmetology program at the Berlin CTE in the White Mountains.

Micaela Demeter reviewed an additional bill, SB 584, which is scheduled for a hearing next Thursday, January 22, regarding the differentiated aid category for special education. She requested permission to speak on behalf of the Board, and members expressed their support.

### Re-opening of Citizen's Forum:

Michelle Clancy moved; Elizabeth Goldman seconded to adjourn Citizen's Forum. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**



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### S. ADJOURNMENT:

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:56 p.m. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**