



## DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting #2  
**Meeting Location:** City Hall, Council Chambers  
**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 9, 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, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present were Superintendent Christine Boston, Chief Financial Officer Michael Limanni, District Administrator's Abby Small, Thomas Rup, Jennifer Krans, Siobhan Mehalek, Kiley Hemphill, Travis Bickford, Peter Driscoll, Lindsay Dube, Beth Dunton, Patrick Boodey, and Brittany Granfield.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Craig Flynn led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Craig Flynn moved; Michelle Clancy seconded to approve the agenda. **An Oral Vote PASSED 6/0.**

**E. CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

No citizens spoke.

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

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Organizational Meeting, January 5, 2026
2. Budget Workshop, January 6, 2026
3. Special Session, January 6, 2026
4. Budget Workshop, January 12, 2026
5. Regular Meeting, January 12, 2026

Michelle Clancy moved; Maggie Fogarty seconded approval of the minutes. **An Oral Vote PASSED 6/0.**

**G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

The Superintendent submitted her report to the Board.

**H. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Correspondence:** None
2. **Resignations/Retirements:**
  - a. Edison Quinatoa – World Language Teacher – Dover High School – Resignation (January 26, 2026)
3. **Leaves of Absence:**
  - a. Kendall Rittenberry – Social Studies Teacher – Dover Middle School (June 2-17, 2026)
4. **Job Shares:**
  - a. Kim Dube and Kayleigh Cassidy-Ketchen - Grade One - Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street
  - b. Betsy Breen and Kristen Dunham - Grade Three - Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street



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c. Jillian Cote and Kerry Siebersma - Special Education - Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street

**5. Nominations:**

- a. DTU Nominations
- b. Non-Union Nomination

**6. Extended Travel (Student Trips):**

- a. Preliminary Travel Request - NJROTC Trip to Maine Maritime Academy, Castine Maine - JROTC Leadership Challenge Weekend (March 20 – 22, 2026)

**7. Donations:** February Donations

Craig Flynn moved; Michelle Clancy seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. **An Oral Vote PASSED 6/0.**

**I. STUDENT REPORT:**

Student Representative Connor Sprague provided an update on recent activities and events at Dover High School that included:

- A student led I.C.E walkout protest held on February 6.
- Reset Day at the end of January to provide students with an opportunity to decompress after midterm exams.
- A variety of fundraisers.
- Collaboration with Phillips Exeter Academy for the Granite State Challenge where Dover High School earned multiple trophies.

**J. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Michael Limanni presented his financial report to the Board.

**K. POLICIES – CHANGES - PROPOSALS:**

Tom Rup and Siobhan Mehalek provided a brief overview of the draft Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence policy (EHAG) before the Board tabled the policy for consideration.

- 1. EEAG-R1 – Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students – Statement of Insurance on Private Vehicles – New Policy Form – First Reading
- 2. EHAG – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence – New Policy – First Reading
- 3. IHCD – Advanced Course Work / Advanced Placement Courses and STEM Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program – Revised Policy – First Reading
- 4. JICK – Bullying Prevention Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Policy Bullying and Cyberbullying – Revised Policy – First Reading

Elizabeth Goldman moved; Seana Hallberg seconded to table the policies presented until the next regular meeting. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

**L. POLICY ADOPTION:**

- 1. GBEBB – Staff Conduct with Students – Revised Policy – Second Reading
- 2. IIB – Class Size – Revised Policy – Second Reading



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3. IKB – Homework – Revised Policy – Second Reading
4. JCA – Change of Class or School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship – Revised Policy – Second Reading
5. JG – Assignment of Students to Classes – Revised Policy – Second Reading
6. JLCJA – Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation – Revised Policy – Second Reading

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

**M. RESOLUTIONS:** None

**N. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**O. NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. School Board Letter Regarding Open Enrollment

Robin Trefethen reviewed the letter she drafted to Governor Ayotte regarding the open enrollment bill that may be voted on by the House this week.

Micaela Demeter presented the Board with a revised version of the letter that differed from the published letter posted in the meeting materials.

Seana Hallberg moved; Elizabeth Goldman seconded to approve the letter published in the meeting materials to be submitted to Governor Ayotte, regardless of whether the bill passes. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**

### 2. Winter Data Report

District administrators reviewed the winter data at both the district and school levels.

### 3. Bid Waiver Request and Award – Goalbook Toolkit

Abby Small reviewed the bid waiver request.

Michelle Clancy moved; Elizabeth Goldman seconded to approve the bid waiver request and award \$30,750 to Goalbook. **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

### 4. Dover School District Pre-School Program Tuition

Abby Small requested the Board approve the increase in tuition for the District's Pre-School Program.



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Craig Fynn moved; Micaela Demeter seconded to approve the proposed tuition rate for the Dover School District Pre-School Program. **An Oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

### P. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Craig Flynn moved; Michelle Clancy seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay Manifest 26-H in the amount of \$7,156,544.31 for FY26 for the period of January 10, 2026, through February 6, 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 that the Dover High School Athletic Complex Joint Building Committee continues to make progress. The committee will meet again this Wednesday.

### R. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Michelle Clancy announced an upcoming public hearing for HB1754 which seeks to repeal the statewide use of MTSS-B. The hearing is scheduled to take place this Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Concord. She requests people go to [testifynh.com](http://testifynh.com) to oppose the bill.

Robin Trefethen announced she received notification from the ACLU confirming that the Department of Education will not appeal the lawsuit regarding the Dear Colleague letter regarding DEI.

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

No citizens spoke.

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

### S. ADJOURNMENT:

Michelle Clancy moved; Micaela Demeter seconded adjourning the meeting at 9:15 p.m. **An Oral Vote PASSED 7/0.**