

A workshop session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chairperson Marjorie Fisher on Monday, July 25, 2005, at 7:23 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**A. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Carolyn Mebert, Dorothea Hooper, Heather Orion-Hindle, Audra Lurvey, Marjorie Fisher, Kara Winton, and Doris Grady.

Also present were Superintendent John O'Connor; Business Manager, Laurie Verville; and Marcus Weisgerber, *Foster's*. Dr. Murray Ingraham, Director of Curriculum, arrived at 7:30.

**B. POLICY DD & DIE – QUARTERLY FEDERAL FUNDS & SPECIAL FUNDS UPDATES::** Laurie Verville reported as of June 30, 2005, \$2,735,647.80 in disbursements had been made from Federal Project accounts and that 13% of Federal Funds remain. Ms. Verville also reported as of 6/30/05, the Facilities Fund balance is \$30,188.22 and Food Service ending fund balance is \$29,128.47.

Superintendent O'Connor asked Ms. Verville to provide Board members with a brief update on the status of fiscal year ending 2005. Ms. Verville reported the school district's books for fiscal year ending 2005 were officially closed. The district raised an additional \$79,389.31 in revenue. After all encumbrances were entered for 2005, \$32,310.71 was returned from the operational budget. Additionally, \$19,644.81 was not expended from prior year encumbrances (2004). The final amount turned over to the city's fund balance was \$131,346.70.

**C. KINDERGARTEN REVIEW:** Dr. Ingraham reviewed with the Board an updated Kindergarten Report including highlights of Parent and Teacher Survey Results from the 2004/2005 school year, Achievement Analyses for PALS testing, and At-Risk Student Tracking over 2 years. Additionally, Dr. Ingraham provided an overview of the kindergarten curriculum adjustment process and the use of Quick Guides to provide a broad outline for kindergarten teachers to follow in teaching the approved kindergarten curriculum. A discussion followed in which it was noted there is a need to track individual students better, "tweak" testing and scheduling to make it more equitable across schools, examine at-risk student achievement analysis results to improve the Smart Start program, and the need for an assessment of the district-wide mathematics curriculum in the upcoming school year.

Dr. Ingraham stated that he will use pre-screening, kindergarten, first, and second grade testing information with specially designed analysis software to analyze trends that will help to improve the curriculum. Dr. O'Connor stated that Dr. Ingraham will continually review the curriculum using these tools, continue to survey parents and teachers, and report back to the Board annually.

**D. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:00 p.m., Kara Winton moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded, to adjourn the workshop session. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7-0**.

Respectfully submitted,

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