

A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chairperson Marjorie Fisher on Monday, August 22, 2005 at 7:10 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

A. ROLL CALL: Present were, Marjorie Fisher, Dorothea Hooper, Carolyn Mebert, Kara Winton, Heather Orion-Hindle, and Doris Grady.

Also present were Superintendent John O'Connor; Business Manager, Laurie Verville; Principals Chris George, Dover High School; Larry DeYoung, Dover Middle School, Barbara Szabunka, Horne Street School, and Anna Parrill, Garrison Elementary School; and Marcus Weisgerber, Fosters.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Marjorie Fisher led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C: CITIZENS' FORUM: No one addressed the Board.

D. NOMINATIONS: Superintendent O'Connor noted that on page 2 of the Federal Nomination Letter 2005-06, an error was made in the title of the position of Nancy Kershaw. He stated that Ms. Kershaw was being nominated for Family Outreach Coordinator, not a Tutor.

Audra Lurvey moved, Kara Winton seconded, to accept the nominations as amended. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7-0**.

E: ENROLLMENT HOT SPOTS: Superintendent O'Connor reviewed with the Board areas of concern in enrollments for the upcoming school year. Currently, Garrison School's kindergarten enrollment is at 62 (2 over) and Horne Street School's kindergarten is at 64 (4 over). Woodman Park School kindergarten registrations are at 70 with room for an additional 10 students. Dr. O'Connor reminded the Board that Woodman Park traditionally experiences an upsurge in registrations during the last two weeks before school begins and he anticipates they will have an enrollment of 80. An additional kindergarten teacher has been authorized for a 4th session at Garrison Elementary School. Parents of students registering at Horne Street School exceeding the 80 student cap have been advised they will be bused to Garrison School.

An additional area of enrollments that is being closely monitored is Grade 4 at Garrison School. Dr. O'Conner noted that he had received some calls and emails from parents concerned about the high class averages. Current 4th grade enrollments are: 96 at Garrison School (class average 24); 90 at Horne Street School (class average 22.5); and 85 at Woodman Park School (class average 21.25). Dr. O'Connor recommended that they continue to monitor 4th grade enrollments and review the numbers again in September.

E. ADJOURNMENT: At 7:17 p.m., Heather Orion-Hindle moved, Kara Winton seconded, a motion to adjourn to Workshop Session. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7-0**.

Respectfully submitted,
AUDRA LURVEY, SECRETARY
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