



CITY OF  
DOVER

## JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Type: Regular  
Meeting Date: April 24, 2008  
Meeting Time: 6:35 pm-

Joint Fiscal Committee meeting, April 24, 2008.

School Board members present were Marjorie Fisher, Doris Grady, and Britt Schumann. City Council members present were Dean Trefethen (Chair) and Rick Callaghan. Also present was Superintendent John O'Connor and City Manager Michael Joyal and other members of the school board and city council.

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

General discussion from both boards about how the separate school and city budgets were developed and the challenges they presented. Also discussed were lessons learned by the school board, since they have already gone thru the process, where as the city council is just starting.

The budget discussion continued while concentrating on the long term view in consideration with the spending limitation amendment. This discussion centered on what the state may, or may not do, with future "adequacy" funding and what that might mean for future budget. There was a disagreement if the future state money was required to be used as additional money or as property tax relief, or a combination of both. The superintendent and city manager both explained their views.

Explanations and philosophies on capital expenses followed. On the school side of the budget the inclusion of more capital expenses would be a hardship. The city is trying to move capital expenses from debt financing to the operating budget. The school board recognizes there are substantial future capital expenses, particularly in building upgrades for the various aging buildings.

Adjournment was at 7:50pm.

Submitted by Dean Trefethen