



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Session
Meeting Location: City Council Chambers
Meeting Date: **Monday, June 23, 2008**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chairperson Marjorie Fisher on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

A. ROLL CALL: Present were, Marjorie Fisher, Dorothea Hooper, Audra Lurvey, Carolyn Mebert, Beth Setear, Britt Ulinski-Schuman, and Doris Grady.

Also present were Superintendent John O'Connor and James Amara, CTC Director.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dorothea Hooper led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZEN'S FORUM: No one addressed the Board.

D. TRI-CITY REGIONAL CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER CONTRACT:

Jim Amara discussed the contract that was approved by the Board five months ago. Subsequent to that approval, the Department of Education revised the agreement to reflect feedback received from the Attorney General's Office. No significant changes were made. The major issue of concern regarded ownership of equipment. Previously approved CTC contracts, including Portsmouth and Manchester, were written to indicate the District had ownership of equipment. In reality, equipment purchased with this grant is the property of the Department of Education. In the event that a CTC program changed, the DOE could remove equipment from the Dover CTC and provide it to another school. However, the issue is now resolved and all districts are on the same page. The previously approved Manchester and Portsmouth agreements will be revised to correct this error.

The changes to the Career and Technical Education Regional Agreement—Region 12 are listed below:

- ◆ “maintain” was added to **Program and Facilities Responsibility (#2)**.
- ◆ “The Receiving District shall provide a regional CTE facility on a district-owned site to which the district has clear title” (6a and 6b) was added to **Additional Sending Districts**.
- ◆ “Within thirty days, and Receiving Districts shall consider the recommendations of the Regional Advisory Council regarding CTE programs, facilities and regional enrollment needs” was added to **Joint Meetings (#10)**.
- ◆ “Receiving District shall provide a barrier-free access in accordance with applicable State law was added to **Maximum Utilization (#11)**.
- ◆ “Of Education” was added to **Participation (#13)**
- ◆ “with state funds shall remain the property of the Department of Education” and Equipment shall be used for vocational programs only unless written permission is given by the Department of Education” was added to **Transfer of Equipment (#19)**.
- ◆ “Use if space provided by State for CTE programs by non-CTE programs permitted when it does not interfere with the delivery of CTE programs, there is no other facility space



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available, and it is of limited duration. Such use must be reported to the Department prior to using the space.” was added to **Controlling Law** (#28).

- ◆ “10 years following the date of execution” was added to #33.

Ms. Hooper asked Mr. Amara if he thought that block scheduling would be positive for the CTC. He responded that he thought it would be a good thing for the CTC.

It was agreed that #28 would offer more flexibility. Dr. O’Connor is looking for acceptance of the revised Agreement. Somersworth and Rochester will be going through the same process.

Doris Grady moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded. An oral **VOTE PASSED**, 7/0

E. GRANT APPLICATION – SECURE OUR SCHOOLS (SOS):

Dr. O’Connor discussed the grant for Secure our Schools. This is a grant with matching funds from the District, therefore, per policy, it is required that the School Board approve the request. This is a \$140,000 grant that will allow the School District to purchase security surveillance cameras. The School District would need to provide 50% of the costs (\$70,000). These cameras would significantly improve monitoring of DHS and to a lesser degree DMS. 65 cameras and recording equipment would be purchased under the grant. They would be more advanced cameras. Theft has been escalating over the years and cameras are currently not located in all areas, where needed. At this time, they are located primarily at entrances and exits, but not in stairwells, cafeteria and other hidden areas. They would not be located in any classrooms. They will have better resolution and will be able to identify students. This is a good opportunity at 50% of the cost. We are also looking into added a buzzer system for a higher level of safety.

Ms. Hooper commented that it is a sad commentary that we had to do this. The public should know that when we add something like this, something else will need to be cut at some point.

Dr. Mebert asked if we would need to go through the bid process. Dr. O’Connor responded that we would be need to because of the cost.

Ms. Setear asked if the cameras could be moved as needs change. Dr. O’Connor stated that they should be able to move. They will also be able to rotate.

Ms. Ulinski-Schuman questioned the severity of the theft problem and inquired if we had statistics and data on this issue. Dr. O’Connor will get her that information from the principal, although he stated that not all incidents are reported so it might be somewhat inaccurate. Much of the theft occurs in lockers. Ms. Ulinski-Schuman stated that when she was in high school, students learned not to put valuables in lockers. Dr. O’Connor stated that some new lockers were purchased last year and he is hoping to get more new ones in the near future.



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Ms. Setear asked if there is a concern about theft of district equipment. Dr. O'Connor said that some items are missing, but it isn't determined whether students take them or if it is someone else.

Audra Lurvey moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/1 (Ulinksi-Shuman opposed)**.

F. OTHER: Dr. O'Connor discussed the recent break -in at Woodman Park School. Nothing was taken or damaged and the person has not been caught yet. The alarm system and sensors worked allowing the incident to be discovered. The police will be looking at surveillance tapes to see if they can get more information.

G ADJOURNMENT: At 7:30 P.M., Audra Lurvey moved, Beth Setear seconded, to adjourn the Special Session. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0**.

Respectfully submitted,