



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Organizational Meeting
Meeting Location:	Finance Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date:	Monday, January 04, 2009
Meeting Time:	6:00 pm

An organizational meeting of the Dover School Board was called to order by Superintendent John O'Connor at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2009 in the Finance Conference Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present were Beth Setear, Audra Lurvey, Carolyn Mebert, Doris Grady, Matt Mayberry, and Kenneth Appel. Robert McCrory arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Also present was Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John O'Connor and Radio Host, Don Briand.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR BOARD MEMBERS: City Clerk, Karen Lavertu, performed a swearing-in ceremony with the six Board members in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS: After welcoming the Board, Dr. O'Connor reviewed what he believes will be upcoming concerns for the Board. The majority of his concerns were with the upcoming budget and the tax cap. He indicated there may be a decision in the Manchester School Board vs. City of Manchester case by June of this year. He noted, however, that decision will be after the Board has completed its fiscal year 2011 budget. He stated his belief that the development of the next year's budget will be the most significant challenge facing the Board and cited a few of the issues:

- There are four contracts currently under negotiation
- A fact-finding report between the Dover Teachers' Union and Dover School District will be discussed at the next Board meeting and will come before the Board to vote
- There has been no information yet from the City Treasurer on what will be the tax cap

The Superintendent then asked Board members to provide him with direction on the amount of increase they wanted the Superintendent/Administrators to strive to achieve. He noted Administrators submitted budget requests equal to a 5.1% increase over last year. Understanding that will need to be reduced, he asked whether Board members wanted him to bring in a request for a 2% or 2.5% increase over last year's budget. Dr. O'Connor also noted the budget will start with a \$350,000 reduction from last year based upon an unsolicited vote by the Council to allocate shortfall monies from the Sand and Gravel Fund to the District.

RECORD NOTE: Board member elect Robert McCrory arrived at 6:35 p.m. City Clerk, Karen Lavertu, performed a separate swearing-in ceremony in the hallway.

Dr. O'Connor added that he will be addressing a report submitted by Building Envelope Consultants on the Freshman Academy wing at Dover High School.

RECORD NOTE: Dr. O'Connor provided Board members with a copy of the Report this evening.



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Matt Mayberry moved to nominate Audra Lurvey for Chairperson (there was no second).
Beth Setear moved to nominate Carolyn Mebert for Chairperson (there was no second).

Dr. O'Connor passed ballots to each Board member and requested they be returned to him once completed. After tallying the ballots, the final **vote was Carolyn Mebert for Chairperson of the Dover School Board (4 to 3).**

Beth Setear moved, Doris Grady seconded, to nominate Audra Lurvey for Vice Chairperson. There were no further nominations. Matt Mayberry moved, Kenneth Appel seconded, to dispense with a ballot. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.** Dr. O'Connor called for a vote on the nomination. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Matt Mayberry moved, Doris Grady seconded, to nominate Beth Seter for Secretary. There were no further nominations. Matt Mayberry moved, Kenneth Appel seconded, to dispense with a ballot. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.** Dr. O'Connor called for a vote on the nomination. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Dr. O'Connor turned the meeting over to the new School Board Chairperson, Dr. Carolyn Mebert.

POLICY BCA – SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS: Policy BCA was distributed to each Board member in accordance with the policy's direction.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS: Audra Lurvey moved. Matt Mayberry seconded, to adopt Policy BA – By Laws. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

POLICY BGB – POLICY ADOPTION: Audra Lurvey moved. Matt Mayberry seconded, to readopt all School Board Policies in accordance with Policy BGB. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

POLICY BJ – SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Policy BJ was distributed to each Board member as a reminder that it states: "The School Board will designate one of its members to serve as legislative representative with the New Hampshire School Board Association."

RECORD NOTE: During approval of committee assignments, Robert McCrory volunteered to take over as the School Board Legislative Representative.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Committee assignments were reviewed. The revised list of Committee Members for 2010 are:

CTC Advisory Committee

Doris Grady



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Dover Vocational Trust	<u>Matt Mayberry</u>
Dover Adult Learning Center Liaison	<u>Doris Grady</u>
Joint Fiscal Committee	<u>Entire Board</u>
City Council Liaison	<u>Audra Lurvey</u>
Curriculum Planning Committee	<u>Kenneth Appel</u>
*Discipline Committee	<u>Carolyn Mebert, Chair</u> <u>Beth Setear</u>
Joint Building Committee	<u>Carolyn Mebert</u> <u>Doris Grady</u>
Legislative Representative with NHSBA	<u>Robert McCrory</u>
DTU Negotiating Committee	<u>To Be Determined</u> (After Fact Finding Vote on 1/11/10)
DEOP Negotiation Committee	<u>Matt Mayberry</u> <u>Beth Setear</u>
DPA Negotiation Committee	<u>Carolyn Mebert</u> <u>Beth Setear</u>
DAA Negotiation Committee	<u>Carolyn Mebert</u> <u>Audra Lurvey</u>
Wellness Advisory Committee	<u>Carolyn Mebert</u>
Professional Development Master Plan Committee	<u>Kenneth Appel</u>

