

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

### REGULAR MEETING #1

The Dover School Board met January 11, 2010.

During Citizens Forum:

1. Dorothea Hooper introduced herself as the Council liaison to the School Board
2. DTU president, Debbie Hacket, spoke in favor of the fact finding report related to teacher negotiations
3. Fire Chief, Perry Plummer, spoke in favor of the proposed CTC course for firefighters/EMT's at DHS.

After an explanation of two new programs, Firefighters and Landscaping, the board voted to accept the proposals but not necessarily be able to fund them this year.

The board rejected the fact finding report and it will now go to the City Council. If rejected by the council negotiations with teachers will begin again.

The Superintendent's report included:

1. The kick off of Dover Reads with an event at Barnes and Noble on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> with a percentage of sales donated to the school
2. Reports by the principals that covered PTA meetings for training in Edline, winter concerts, after school enrichment opportunities, results of annual spelling bees, exam schedule, course selections, business contributions to schools, Polar Express trip to Exeter, and the numerous hours put in by volunteers at the schools.

The Consent Agenda passed which included the nominations of aides, secretaries and coaching staff.

The Student Representative reported that students planned a penguin plunge, loved the new salad bar at the high school, and avoided using the rest rooms in

school. She also questioned what options would be offered to students who did not have access to the web now that course selection can be done by computer.

Board members gave committee reports:

Ken Appel ---Curriculum Committee – presented Social Studies and Science updates

Doris Grady – JBC ---Woodman Park is wrapping up with approximately \$56,000 left over. Horne Street is ready to go with \$4,000,000 left to work with.

Carolyn Mebert – Wellness Committee – reported students liked the new salad bar and increase in fruit on the menu at the high school

Peter Wooton, Athletic Director, reported on the results of the states review on our compliance of civil rights in athletics. As a result there has been an increase in the volleyball program, an interest survey of female athletics, and a combined ice hockey team (Dover/St.Thomas) for girls.

UNICO gave a report on fire safety and noted we needed to remove the snow blowers from storage within the school buildings and increase emergency lighting in some schools. It was noted that the high school was due for extensive renovation in a few years and some of it could wait until then.

James Amara, CTC Director, gave a progress report on the CTC 5 year plan. In its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the plan is right on target. There has been a broad expansion of programs and an increase in enrollment. Courses are also geared to appeal to students of all abilities.

The School Board approved the expenditure of \$500 towards the purchase of batting cages.

Laurie Verville, Business Manager, gave an update on state and federal funding and a special funds update. Board members questioned the difficulty of the food services operating in the black. Ms. Verville assured the board that the cafeterias would not be in the red at the end of the fiscal year.

