

## School Board Report

May 10, 2010

During Citizen's Forum, the fire chiefs from Dover and Barrington spoke about the value of the firefighters program proposed by the CTC.

Acknowledging the lack of funds available, they urged that the program not be totally abandoned due to its value to surrounding communities

Resolutions were presented to volunteers who have assisted in school activities over the year (s).

Chief Plummer of the Dover Fire Department gave a report on the Fire Safety Festival performed in city schools. The members of the department, who fund this activity through donations, put on eight shows. Students were give both CD.s, DVD,s and T shirts after the performances. This activity has won many awards over the years.

A list of nominations for teaching/staff positions next year were pulled from the consent agenda. The feeling that the City Council had not given the Board any direction concerning their budget approval made some board members question whether these notices should go out. Since the School Budget contains \$22 million in staff salaries alone, what would happen if the Council came back and asked them to cut their budget?

During the superintendent's report, swim team participants were noted and positive comments made about student trips to France and England. The principals reported on awards, shows, concerts, senior activities, exam schedules, NECAP testing, kindergarten screening, book

fairs, earth day, Dare graduation, 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition, and teacher appreciation day. There was also some discussion on saving the 4<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental program by moving teachers around from school to school. The board gave approval to work out a schedule.

The student representative to the board thanked all the teachers for helping with the class trips, reported on the DHS Variety Show, and discussed fund raising, class elections and Honor Society inductions

Committee Reports included:

- 1) Curriculum Committee --- status of the Art and Music programs
- 2) Dover Ad Hoc Finance Committee ---discussion of where to fine the \$60 million to renovate DHS in the future
- 3) Joint Building Committee ---Horne Street School ---making it an energy saving school
- 4) Joint Building Committee –McConnell Center --- developing the t.v. studio
- 5) DALC --- the importance of the adult education graduation

Policy Proposals in their first reading:

- 1) Fossil fuel
- 2) Hybrid buses
- 3) Weapons on school property
- 4) Reporting child abuse or neglect

Policy Adoptions:

- 1) School transportation
- 2) Community use of school facilities
- 3) Energy efficiency

The Board reprogrammed funds from the roof replacement project at the high school to replacement of windows and correction of leaking in the new wing.

Certain streets were to be removed from the hazardous streets list meaning more students would walk to school. Dr. O'Connor estimated that some 115 students would be affected. This was tabled because the day care centers were not given notice.

The DMS handbook was approved.

The superintendent created an Elementary School Redistricting Committee to meet next year and look at redistricting for the school year 2011-2012. Beth Setear and Audra Lurvey volunteered to serve.

The high school principal reported that contact was on-going with both Barrington and Nottingham keeping them in the loop concerning curriculum and other opportunities at DHS.

The district's technology director proposed replacing Edline which is not compatible with block scheduling with MNS software. It would save the district \$10,000. One board member noted that there was a training part of the package which would cost the district.

The board approved a memorandum of understanding with the Seymour Osman Center and the elementary school handbook.

There was a proposal presented to the board concerning an on-line t.v. channel that would televise school events and package them as a possible fund raiser.

