

To: Dover City Council

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Re: Dover School Board

The School Board met Monday, August 8th in the Council Chambers.

There was no one wishing to speak at Citizens Forum.

During the Consent Agenda proposals, 2 items were pulled for discussion:

1. Local liability surrounding hiring a carnival company to introduce spirit week at the high school (the company carries insurance)
2. Voted to table the item concerning the administrative assistant position at Horne Street School

Superintendent Badger reported on new, stiffer truancy laws. She reminded the board that there would be no building aid coming from the state next year.

Resurfacing of the new wing at the high school has begun. Teachers return for the new school year Aug. 26th and students return Aug. 30th.

Committee Reports:

1. DALC lost one of its founders with her passing last week. Mrs. Grady recognized her contribution to adult education over the years
2. Horne Street JBC reported everything on target
3. The Media Access Center report was given by Vice-Chair Lurvey with everything getting ready to be set up

Policy Changes:

1. Job descriptions for district secretaries were tabled
2. The new DHS Athletic Agreement (pay for busing) was approved after a friendly amendment to tweak language

Under Old Business:

1. Enrollment figures are being watched for “hot spots” ----some teachers have been moved to balance out classes but the number of enrollments continue to grow
2. For information purposes, the Board was given information about a planned trip to Europe this coming school year

New Business:

1. Tim Knowles , from UNICO, gave a report on what had been done over the summer to buildings and grounds as well as custodial cleanups in the schools
2. The Board received a status report from a representative from the Sylvan Company on their program at Garrison School as well as the extended year program at Woodman Park and the Seymour Osmond Center with the emphasis on math and reading

The Dover Middle School co-principals reported on their action plan now that they are in year 4 of SIPI (School In Need of Improvement). A committee with broad representation was formed, studied the issues, and has set goals for increased achievement:

1. Improve instruction
2. Give teachers needed professional development
3. Improve the climate/culture of the school

There will be strong emphasis on more instructional time spent and more common planning time for teacher teams. Teachers will also have achievement data to work with in helping students meet appropriate goals.

The Director of Food Services gave a report stressing healthier foods now being offered in the cafeterias. A yogurt and salad bar was offered at the high school, more fresh fruits and vegetables are being offered at all schools, and they have added wraps to the elementary school menu. New software for point of sales and free and reduced lunches have been installed. Going forward the cafeteria wants to increase nutrient dense foods, expand their use of the high school greenhouse,

expand the healthy snacks program, continue food tastings, and provide on-line payment for student accounts.

A CTC teacher asked for Board approval to expand her growing capabilities by establishing a larger garden at the H.S. by relocating some shrubs. (approved)

Mr. Amara, CTC Director asked for approval to expand the CTC adult education feature of his program. He wanted to expand into health care with the following:

1. EKG technology
2. Pharmacy tech
3. Medical billing and coding

There would be no cost to the district as it would be tuition based.

The Wellness Committee annual report was presented to the board.

Laurie Verville gave a CIP presentation in preparation for submission to the City Council. She discussed projected enrollment, need for renovation at Garrison, and renovation/building of the H.S. in 2014. (approved)

Approval of bids raised a discussion of the pro's and con's of always taking a low bid and favoring local companies.