



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

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| Meeting Type: | Special Session #6 |
| Meeting Location: | Council Chambers |
| Meeting Date: | Tuesday, August 23, 2010 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30 pm |

A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order on Monday, August 23, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

A. ROLL CALL: Present were Carolyn Mebert, Audra Lurvey, Beth Setear, Kenneth Appel, Audra Lurvey, and Doris Grady. Absent were Matt Mayberry and Robert McCrory.

Also present were; Superintendent Jean Briggs Badger; Mal Forsman, Horne Street School Principal; and Leslie Modica, Foster's Daily Democrat.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Audra Lurvey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZENS' FORUM (LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): No one addressed the Board.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Nominations

Sheet 1: Nomination and Election of Secretaries (Baker-Stewart).

Mrs. Grady stated she would not be voting for this motion because of the difference in resumes.

Audra Lurvey moved, Beth Setear seconded, to approve the consent agenda. An oral **VOTE PASSED 4/1. (Grady Opposed)**

E. OLD BUSINESS: Enrollment Issues at the Elementary Level

Superintendent Briggs Badger discussed the most recent enrollment numbers in the elementary schools. There are currently two hot spots including Grade 2 at Woodman Park School and Grade 2 at Horne Street School. Ms. Lurvey asked if there is money available in the budget for these positions and Ms. Briggs Badger stated there is one open position due to an employee who transferred to Dover Middle School. After she transferred, enrollment numbers were reviewed and it was determined at that time to keep that position vacant.

Mrs. Grady said that the enrollment numbers will need to be monitored closely at Horne Street School to determine if another teacher is needed in the next few weeks. There will be students who do not show up for the first day and the pattern has been that numbers will even out during the first week of school.

Ms. Lurvey stated that at this point, if an additional teacher is added at Woodman and Horne, an additional teacher would still need to be funded.

Ms. Setear asked how long the Board should wait before making a decision. She stated that it is difficult to move students into a new class once the school year has started and bonds have been formed.

Dr. Mebert also noted that many would probably prefer the larger class size to transferring to a new class. Ms. Briggs Badger agreed this would not be an ideal situation.



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Mrs. Grady asked if two teachers were cut from Horne Street School. Dr. Forsman responded that a teacher resigned in February and she was replaced with a long term substitute. At that time, it was decided that her position would not be replaced for the 2010-2011 school year. The enrollment numbers were not there to support the position.

Ms. Briggs Badger asked if the Board wanted to recommend adding two second grade teachers now or just watch closely for the next few weeks.

Dr. Mebert stated that there was not enough money for two teachers, so the decision should not be made at this time. Enrollment numbers will be reviewed again after the beginning of the school year.

F: SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST: There were no School Board Matters of Interest to discuss.

G. ADJOURNMENT: At 6:45 p.m., Audra Lurvey moved, Beth Setear seconded a motion to adjourn. An oral **VOTE PASSED 5/0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Setear, Secretary