



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Session #1
Meeting Location:	“Green House”, New Castle, NH
Meeting Date:	Saturday, January 22, 2011
Meeting Time:	9:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.

A special session (School Board Retreat) of the Dover School Board was called to order on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the “Green House”, New Castle, NH.

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

Also present were; Superintendent Jean Briggs Badger; Laurie Verville, Business Administrator; Sandra Crosson, Pupil Personnel Services Director; Gary Tirone, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Director; Deborah Migneault, Dover High School Principal; Jim Amara, Career Technical Director; Peter Wotton, Athletic Director; Chris Roberge, Technology Support Services Manager; Kim Lyndes and Christine Boston, Dover Middle School Co-Principals; Dustin Gray, Garrison School Principal; Mal Forsman, Horne St. School Principal; Patrick Boodey, Woodman Park Principal.

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- C. CITIZEN’S FORUM (LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None**

- D. SCHOOL BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT GOALS:**

The Superintendent reviewed the 5-year Action Plan with the Board. There was substantial discussion around accountability in math and the possibility of a new math program, (K-6). A discussion regarding teacher evaluations and the need for the Board to be apprised of the process so they can be assured the teachers we have are the best we can hire and able to retain them. The discussion then went to communication between administration and staff as it ties to teacher observations and evaluations.

- E. BUDGET REVIEW AND PRIORITY SETTING WITH ADMINISTRATORS:**

The Superintendent called the meeting to order – she hopes this budget retreat will be an annual event. Ms. Briggs Badger and Ms. Verville reviewed the beginning pages of the budget outlining the dollar amounts and enrollments.

- Mr. Wotton reviewed his request first – added back \$50,000 for transportation plus additional secretarial support. He reviewed the rest of his requests.
- Mr. Gray reviewed his budget requests for a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Enrichment, Math) person.
- Mr. Forsman presented his request for a Behavior Aide as he only has a Behavior Specialist 60% of the time. His second priority is for Math Intervention Aides.
- Mr. Boodey reviewed his request for a ½ Art Teacher. Having a full-time person in the building would affect the other elementary schools in a positive way. It will allow classroom teachers time to meet together in PLCs.



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- Ms. Lyndes and Ms. Boston reviewed the middle school requests: 8 SPED Tutors to support identified students (one for each team). Their next priority is a Curriculum Support Administrator.
- Ms. Migneault made her request for a Literacy Coach to support students after they exit Read 180 class. Her second request for a Behavior Intervention and a LDAC. Ms. Migneault’s third priority is for additional SPED Aides (3), Truant Officer and additional secretarial time, technology aide, peer mentoring program.
- Mr. Amara presented his budget request for additional staff: LNA Instructor, Firefighter Academy Instructor, Culinary Aide and part-time instructor, and an additional Business Teacher which would allow more students to participate. Animal Science can expand with an additional teacher as more students are interested. He then went over the programming request.
- Ms. Crosson reviewed the SPED budget. She is requesting a Speech Therapist at Horne St. School; a Preschool Teacher, additional School Psychologists, Rehab Aides, and a Transition Coordinator.
- Mr. Tirone reviewed the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment request for a Technology Intervention Coordinator to train teachers to use the hardware we have. Professional Development money for teachers to meet to learn how to use technologies with students, meet to discuss curriculum and to pay teachers to meet after school. A plan to adopt a new math program is also requested.
- Mr. Roberge made his budget request for new staff: 2 Paraprofessional Techs at the high school, a District Technology Coordinator and additional money for new equipment.

F. ADJOURNMENT: At 1:50 p.m., Matt Mayberry moved, Audra Lurvey seconded a motion to adjourn. An oral **VOTE PASSED 5/0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Setear, Secretary