

To: Dover City Council

From: Dorothea Hooper

Re: School Board Report

The newly elected Dover School Board had their first regular meeting January 9, 2012.

I introduced myself at Citizen's Forum as the appointed School Board Liaison from the City Council for the next two years and expressed my congratulations for their election and re-election to the School Board as well as my hope for a close cooperation with the council benefiting all citizens of Dover. In addition I noted Patrick Boodey's selection for the Eddie Award.

Peter Allen (Strafford Farms Restaurant) spoke questioning the bid process for providing pizza to the school cafeteria as well as the way foods were provided to students who selected a hot lunch.

The Director of Instruction for the high school gave a summary of the changes to be made to the Program of Studies. These were approved by the board.

Under the Consent Agenda, the board approved appointments.

Superintendent Jean Briggs-Badger gave her report to the board outlining Mr. Boodey's selection as Elementary Principal of the Year, the tour of the schools taken by board members and city councilors, a safety drill at the North End Fire Station, a field trip donation by Measured Progress, enrichment classes at Garrison School, Dover Middle Schools fundraiser at Spring Hill (Snow Ball dance), parent information night at the high school, the final exam schedule, the Mr. DHS contest, and a film festival.

The student representative to the board announced the Penguin Plunge at Hampton in January.

Mrs. Grady, who had nominated Principal Boodey for the honor bestowed on him, gave a tribute to him and his long service to the district. Mr. Boodey then

graciously gave credit to those at Woodman and in the SAU who made the honor possible.

Under Policy Changes, an addition to the By-Laws was tabled. Board member Baker moved to add a Finance Committee to oversee bids and expenditures consisting of 3 board members (this had been a committee years ago). This was not approved.

The Co-principals of the DMS once again presented their changes in the honor rolls for grades 5 through 8. Their support for this change noted a raising of academic standards and a simpler system for students to determine if they had met the criteria. After discussion (with Mrs. Grady citing her objections) the change was approved to be in line with the student handbook.

The board paid their bills.

Board member Betsy Andrews Parker was appointed as the liaison to the City Council. Appointments were made to other standing committees as well as negotiating committees.

The meeting was adjourned.