



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting #1
Meeting Location: Media Ctr. (Room 306) McConnell Center
Meeting Date: **Monday, January 9, 2012**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

Chairperson Rocky D'Andrea called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the McConnell Center Media Center.

A. ROLL CALL: Present were Rocky D'Andrea, Betsey Andrews Parker, Amanda Russell, Doris Grady, Kathy Baker, and Paul Butler. Ken Appel was absent.

Also present were; Superintendent Jean Briggs Badger; Woodman Park School Principal Patrick Boodey; DMS Co-Principals Mike McKenney and Kim Lyndes, CIA Director Gary Tirone, DHS Principal Christine Boston; Horne Street Principal Mal Forsman; DTU President Deb Hackett; DTU Representative Maybeth Anderson and City Councilor Dot Hooper.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Rocky D'Andrea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZENS' FORUM: City Councilor Dot Hooper addressed the Board, stating her re-appointment as the city council liaison to the school board for the next two years. She also congratulated WPS Principal Patrick Boodey for receiving Principal of the Year award.

Peter Allen, 40 Old Rochester Rd, owner of Strafford Farms Restaurant, addressed the Board commenting on his disappointment on the food service department's process of awarding the pizza contract.

Doris Grady moved, Amanda Russell seconded, to move up N. 1. DHS Program of Study Approval in the agenda. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

N. 1. Program of Study--Approval

Dover High School Dean of Instruction, Jon Altbergs, presented the changes to the DHS Program of Studies for the 2012-2013 school year. In summary, the following sections were added: Accreditation Statement, Student Services, Interdisciplinary Credits, Meeting College Requirements, Planning a Course of Study, Course Incompletes, Advanced Coursework, Dual Enrollment, Other Learning Opportunities.

The following courses are not offered for 2012-2013, based on low demand in prior years: 163 Great Books, Both Classic and Contemporary, 165 Women's Literature, 167 African-American Studies, 169 Shakespeare, 159 English for Post-Secondary Success, 765 AP European History

CTC Changes include: Section on Post Secondary Credits added and new courses added, including: 811-814 Business Principles program, 836 Game Design Programming II, 864 Honors Aerospace Engineering, and 872 Childhood Development.

Ms. Russell asked classes that are eliminated are listed later in the catalog so that they are there in case they are re-instated. Mr. Altbergs confirmed that this was the case.

Mrs. Grady moved, Kathy Baker seconded to table accepting the Program of Studies until the next School Board meeting, after board members have had more time to study it.



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Ms. Andrews Parker asked what specifically Mrs. Grady would be looking for. Mrs. Grady responded that she wanted to review different classes during the budget season in case changes needed to be made due to budgeting. Ms. Andrews Parker stated that the Program of Studies has a disclaimer that states DHS has the right to cancel classes for a variety of reasons including budgetary constraints. Mrs. Baker also commented that a policy exists where administrators will present enrollment numbers at another School Board meeting sometime in April.

An oral VOTE FAILED 2/4 (Baker, Russell, D’Andrea, Andrews Parker opposed).

Amanda Russell moved, Betsey Andrews Parker seconded, approving the Program of Studies. An oral **VOTE PASSED 4/1 (Grady opposed, Butler abstained)**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Amanda Russell moved, Kathy Baker seconded, to approve the following minutes:

1. Nonpublic Session #24, December 12, 2011

An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

Amanda Russell moved, Doris Grady seconded, to approve the following minutes:

2. Regular Session #12, December 12, 2011

An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

Amanda Russell moved, Doris Grady seconded, to approve the following minutes:

3. Special Session #25, December 19, 2011

An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Correspondence:** NONE
2. **Resignations/Retirements:** NONE
3. **Leaves of Absence:** NONE
4. **Nominations:**

Amanda Russell moved, Kathy Baker seconded, to approve the following nomination:

Sheet 1: Nomination and Election of Aides & Staff (Cabral-Tyree)

An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

Amanda Russell moved, Paul Butler seconded, to approve the following nomination:

Sheet 2: Nomination and Election of Staff Recalled (C. Stewart)

An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

5. Extended Travel (Student Trips):

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Ms. Briggs Badger gave the following report:

“It is my pleasure to announce this year’s NH Principal of the Year is Mr. Patrick Boodey, Principal of Woodman Park School! Mr. Boodey began his career in Dover as a social studies



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teacher in 1994. He was a Dean at DHS from 2003-2006. Mr. Boodey became Principal of WPS in July 2006. He has served on numerous district committees, coordinated our District Emergency Response Plan, among many other accomplishments. Pat has also served on the Edie's Executive Board, the NH Task Force on Effective Teaching to name only a few state appointments. A lifelong resident of Barrington and Dover High Graduate (Class of 1989), Mr. Boodey also serves his community as a volunteer fire fighter and has been on the last two Barrington Superintendent Search Committees. He is a fine model of an educational leader for our community and for our state. We are most fortunate to have a man of Mr. Boodey's caliber dedicated to our staff and students here in Dover.

CONGRATULATIONS Patrick and thank you for all you do!

This past Saturday some School Board members and City Council members toured our schools. It was a most informative and enjoyable event, and I wish to thank the Principals and Directors for their efforts that went into making the tour so interesting for all.

On Tuesday, January 17th our administrators will be participating in a Table Top Safety Drill with the Dover Fire Department at the North End Station. This annual training event reflects our districts' ongoing commitment to student and staff safety.

REMINDER: This Wednesday, Jan. 11th is an Early Release Day for all staff and students. Teachers will be working in collaborative groups on curriculum instructional and assessment. This work is part of the new Professional Development Master Plan.

Also, there is no school on Monday, January 16th in observance of Civil Rights Day here in NH.

SCHOOL Updates

Woodman Park School

Thanks to a generous donation by Measured Progress, the WPS third graders will be visiting the Christa McAuliffe planetarium. Thank you Measured Progress!

WPS Family Game Night will be on Thursday the 19th of January. Students and parents will be going through stations where they will play different games while eating soup made by the Parent Teacher Organization and Staff Members. It starts at 5:30 and ends at 7:30. It will be fun for the whole family. Thank you to the WPS PTO, Sandy Tremblay, Wendy Nasberg, and Patti Driscoll for making this event possible.

The Dover Police Department will be doing their second grade Samantha Skunk anti smoking and drugs program for second graders on Friday the 27th. WPS greatly appreciates the effort to reach out to our students by the Dover Police Department.



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The UNH Intern Breakfast for future classroom teacher internship candidates will be on Friday the 27th of January. WPS is fortunate to be a location that UNH allows to have interns in our classrooms to enrich our school community.

Horne Street School

The PTG will hold its January meeting on the 17th at 6:30 pm in the school library. The Dover School District budget process will be discussed.

Garrison School

The 1st session of enrichment classes will start this week. Classes offered this session are; Intro to Gymnastics, Coyote Club, Little Rockers, Theatre Workshop, Intro to Knitting, Publish Your Own Children's Book, Zumbatomic, Broadway Kids, and Painting Plaster Art.

This Friday, there will be an operatic performance of Hansel and Gretel from 1:30-2:30 in the gymnasium. Parents and the community are welcomed to attend. There will be 20 students from Garrison performing with the group as well.

Dover Middle School

The PTA is holding a dinner/dance fundraiser called "The Snowball" at Spring Hill in South Berwick, Maine on Saturday, January 14th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$65 for a couple. Dinner and dancing featuring DJ Ron Reid. This event is adults only. Tickets are available at the DMS main office.

The DMS School Spelling Bee is being held January 24th at 1:00 PM in the Renaissance Room. The winner will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee.

DMS and DHS, along with the Coalition for Youth are having, John Halligan, a national speaker on Bullying present his story to the 7th, 8th and 9th grade students at the DHS Auditorium on January 26th. There will be a parent's information night on January 25th at 7:00 PM in the DHS Auditorium as well. This parental presentation is open to all parents and will review contents of the student presentation.

Dover High School

Mid Term/Final Exams at Dover High School are scheduled for January 20, 23, 24. Please see the website for a complete schedule.

The Annual MR. DHS Contest will be held on Thursday night in the Walker Auditorium. Several members of the faculty and student body will be competing for bragging rights in this Junior Class Fundraiser.

The 10th Annual Independent Film Festival will be held on January 20th at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening out and experience the creativity of DHS students!"



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Kathy Baker moved, Doris Grady seconded approval of the Superintendent's report. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

G. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: April Theth, the School Board representative discussed the following events:

- Penguin Plunge which will be happening on February 4th in Hampton. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics. Anyone interested in participating, should contact Mr. Wotton at DHS.
- There will also be a Matchmaker fundraiser in February where students can pay \$1 to be matched to another student
- Chocolate roses will also be sold in February
- The March semi-formal is in the organizational phase

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Grady provided the following report:

Horne Street Joint Building Committee

At this time the JBC is somewhat at a standstill. The committee is waiting for the Certificate of Occupancy and will be meeting at a later date.

Mrs. Grady also took the opportunity to commend and congratulate WPS Principal Patrick Boodey on his achievement of NH Principal of the Year.

Below are Mrs. Grady's comments regarding Mr. Boodey:

"Tomorrow, somewhere between the hours of one and two o'clock, the City of Dover School System will be in the proud possession of the State of New Hampshire's Elementary School Principal of the Year. This is an honor and a tribute to our community. This weekend Patrick Boodey, Principal of Woodman Park School was notified that he was the selection of the State of New Hampshire's Association of School Principals to represent them and the State as one who has reached the pinnacle of administrative qualities.

Letters of recommendation from administrators, teachers and parents expressed the thoughts that make Pat Boodey what he is. The feelings expressed indicate that Pat has changed the look of education; assisted in the construction of eighteen classrooms at Woodman Park; considers the children a family.. Patrick understands that students need to grow and mature during their stay at the school. He can rally and get his staff back on track when things happen to bring a staff down. Parent's commenting that he has a passion for his job; and a dedication to children. His positive attitude is contagious so they say. There was a strong feeling throughout the messages that he is extremely professional, interacts positively with parents and makes them feel comfortable placing their children in his care.

One of his greatest attributes is his fairness in all situations. He listens to all parties and his decisions are always based on what is good for children. His favorite part of the day is walking the halls, the playgrounds, and through the classrooms to see for himself how his students are



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doing. He is a positive person, always looking at the glass half full as he deals with each situation every day.

There is not time to extend these thoughts but these comments should help everyone know why the City of Dover, now has the honor of owning the Elementary School Principal of the Year. I believe it is best expressed in an e-mail sent to Patrick that reads quote.

Dear Principal Boodey:

In recognition of your demonstrated performance as Principal of Woodman Park School, congratulations on your outstanding achievement of being named the N.H. Elementary School Principal of the Year.

You have brought great credit upon yourself, the Dover School District and the City of Dover. I am proud of your accomplishment, honored that you are an educational leader in our community, and appreciate how your record for excellence will continue to model the way for your peers in Dover Education and, more broadly, in the Granite State overall.

On behalf of the Dover Parents, children and City leaders, thank you for being such an outstanding educator. Mike Crago, Ward 3 Councilman.”

As a result, Patrick will be honored Tuesday, January 10th as well at the Eddies Excellence in Education award in Manchester in June and then in the fall to Washington, D.C. to represent our State among all other State contenders I will leave all of you with the thought of Patrick in his tuxedo in September”.

Mr. Boodey responded to Mrs. Grady’s remarks thanking her for the nomination and stating that the honor should go to the entire school. He is supported by an outstanding staff and feels privileged to work at WPS.

I. POLICY -- CHANGES – PROPOSALS: (First Reading)

FIRST READING

BYLAWS OF THE DOVER SCHOOL BOARD CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ARTICLE I: Name

Section 1. The name of the School Board shall be the Dover School Board.

ARTICLE II: Members

Section 1. The School Board shall be composed of seven members in accordance with Section 4.2 of the City Charter.

ARTICLE III: Officers



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Section 1. The officers of the School Board shall be a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this School Board.

Section 2. Officers shall serve a one-year term. Officers shall be elected in accordance with Section C-4-2 of the City Charter.

Section 3. These officers shall be elected as prescribed in Article IV, Section C-4-3, of the City Charter.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed from his/her office by a majority vote of the School Board at any regularly scheduled, monthly, public meeting.

ARTICLE IV: Meetings

Section 1. All meetings of the School Board shall be held in the rooms designated by the School Board or the chairperson. The School Board shall meet for organization on the day stipulated by Section 4.3 of the Charter.

Section 2. The School Board shall hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month. Changes may be made in this schedule due to conflicts with holidays. Regular meetings shall begin at 7 p.m. and end no later than 10 p.m. unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

The School Board shall meet on the fourth Monday of each month in workshop session if there is business to be conducted. Workshop sessions shall begin at 6:30 p.m. and end no later than 10 p.m. unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Nonpublic sessions may be held at the request of the chairperson, or the Superintendent, or by three members of the School Board, through written petition to the chair. The contents of these meetings shall conform to governing state law, RSA 91-A.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called by the chairperson at any time or upon written request of three members. Each call for a special meeting shall distinctly specify the purpose for which the meeting is called. No other than such specific matters shall be considered at such special meetings except for emergency in accordance with RSA 91-A. At least twenty-four hours notice shall be given for such special meetings.

Section 4. A majority of the members of the School Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The meetings of the School Board shall be called to order promptly on the hour and then should proceed as follows:



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- A. ROLL CALL
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. CITIZEN'S FORUM
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- E. CONSENT CALENDAR
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
- H. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
- I. POLICIES-CHANGES-PROPOSALS
- J. POLICY ADOPTION
- K. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS
- L. RESOLUTIONS
- M. OLD BUSINESS
- N. NEW BUSINESS
- O. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST
- P. ADJOURNMENT

Section 6. The following shall appear on all meeting agendas, except nonpublic meetings.

Citizens are invited to all public meetings and shall be given an opportunity to speak. Time shall be set aside for citizen statements at all public meetings, unless a vote to the contrary is taken by the School Board.

Statements shall be limited to five minutes unless otherwise extended by the chairperson, with the approval of the School Board.

All citizens are permitted to place items on the agenda through written application to the Superintendent at least one week prior to the meeting date. Citizen items will require a formal motion and a second by seated members to bring the item to the floor for debate.

Section 7. All items for the agenda from School Board members shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent's office before noon on the Tuesday preceding the regular meeting. The chairperson shall determine the order of the agenda for each meeting.

Section 8. The School Board shall be composed of seven members. Every member present, when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless he or she abstains.

Section 9. The ayes and nays upon all questions of appropriations of money shall be called and entered upon the minutes and on all other questions at the request of any member.

Section 10. The Dover School Board shall act in accordance with the New Hampshire "Right to Know Law" (RSA 91-A) as amended.

Section 11. The following paragraph is to appear on all regular meeting agenda:



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All meetings, except nonpublic meetings, conducted by the School Board are open to the public.

Section 12. A notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be posted in two appropriate public places and/or shall be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in Dover, at least twenty-four hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, prior to such meetings.

ARTICLE V: Workshop Session

Section 1. The Workshop Session shall be defined as a non-policy making meeting of the entire School Board. Said Workshop Session shall assemble for purposes of discussion on topics to prepare the School Board for understanding and action at a subsequent policy-making meeting.

Section 2. The secretary shall see that proper minutes of the proceedings are kept on file in the office of the School Board.

ARTICLE VI: Power and Duties of the School Board

Section 1. The Dover School Board shall be the governing body of the Dover School District and derives its authority from State laws and Department of Education Rules.

Section 2. 189:1-a Duty to Provide Education

I. It shall be the duty of the school board to provide, at district expense, elementary and secondary education to all pupils who reside in the district until such time as the pupil has acquired a high school diploma or has reached age 21, whichever occurs first; provided, that the board may exclude specific pupils for gross misconduct or for neglect or refusal to conform to the reasonable rules of the school, and further provided that this section shall not apply to pupils who have been exempted from school attendance in accordance with RSA 193:5.

II. Elected school boards shall be responsible for establishing the structure, accountability, advocacy, and delivery of instruction in each school operated and governed in its district. To accomplish this end, and to support flexibility in implementing diverse educational approaches, school boards shall establish, in each school operated and governed in its district, instructional policies that establish instructional goals based upon available information about the knowledge and skills pupils will need in the future.

Section 3. The School Board is legally responsible for the establishment of school policies and programs, the determining of the budgetary requirements of the schools, the election of regular employees of the district, and the evaluation of the results obtained. The School Board shall take final action upon recommendation of the Superintendent where the election or assignment of personnel or a change of policy and/or program is involved.

Section 4. The secretary shall keep a full and accurate record of attendance and proceedings of all meetings of the School Board and shall have the care and custody of all records, papers, and communications relative to the School Board.



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Section 5. The School Board shall have the oversight of the financial condition of the School District and shall cause to have prepared and presented a financial statement each month.

Section 6. A payroll summary ledger and/or vendor check register will be issued for signature to the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson on a weekly basis. The School Board shall be presented a manifest of all general fund expenditures for the preceding month, and this shall be issued to the Board for a majority signature of all members present.

Section 7. The School Board shall take action on all matters which pertain to the administration of the schools which calls for the investigation of violations of the regulations of the School Board, complaints made by staff, parents, or pupils, and complaints against staff, provided such complaints cannot be investigated and satisfactorily resolved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Section 8. The Board shall serve as the governing body of School Administrative Unit #11; a School District established under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. The Board shall provide all Superintendent services as described in RSA 194-C:4.

ARTICLE VII: Subcommittees

Section 1. Subcommittees necessary to the proper functioning of the Dover School Board may be appointed at any regular or special meeting by the chairperson with the consent of a majority of the membership present. Such subcommittees shall report to the full School Board and, when appropriate, to the public, at each regular meeting of the School Board, and a final report shall be submitted to the School Board at the conclusion of a subcommittee's work.

Section 2. The chairperson shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3: The Discipline Committee shall be the only permanent standing committee of the School Board.

Section 4: The School Board shall affirm from its membership reporting members to the following positions. Each reporting member shall propose all business that requires debate and a vote to the entire Board at the earliest possible meeting date. Committee assignments shall be appointed by the chairperson and approved by the School Board.

Vocational Trust
City Council Liaison
Joint Fiscal Committee
Joint Building Committee
Legislative Representative with NHSBA
Dover Adult Learning Center Liaison
Discipline Committee
Career Technical Center Advisory Committee
Professional Development Master Plan Committee



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Curriculum Planning Committee
Wellness Advisory Committee
Standards Policy Review Committee (Policy IKE)

ARTICLE VIII: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the School Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the School Board may adopt. Each one-year term of the School Board shall constitute a session as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX: Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the School Board by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the entire membership at the preceding regular meeting. For sixty days following the inauguration these bylaws can be amended at any meeting of the School Board by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the entire membership at the preceding meeting.

ARTICLE X: Student Representative to Dover School Board

Section 1. The student representative is responsible for presenting current student issues to the School Board. The student representative shall represent his/her constituents in the same manner as a regular School Board official.

Section 2. Eligible students must be entering the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade; they will be required to fill an application which will be reviewed by the student council advisors and administrative staff. Finalists will be selected and will be allowed to run in a general election concurrent with the class elections. The student body as a whole will be responsible in voting the student representative. The term of the elected student representative shall run from the meeting following the student council election.

Section 3. The student representative shall be a non-voting member of the School Board. RSA 189:1,C.

Amended: March 12, 2001
May 14, 2001
January 7, 2002
January 13, 2003
February 2, 2004
February 14, 2005
January 3, 2006
January 8, 2007
January 7, 2008
January 12, 2009



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Mrs. Baker asked what language changed in this reading. Mr. D’Andrea responded that the new state language was added to ARTICLE VI: Power and Duties of the School Board. Kathy Baker moved, Doris Grady seconded tabling the policy until the next regular School Board meeting. An oral **VOTE PASSED 5/1 (Andrews Parker opposed)**.

Kathy Baker moved, Doris Grady seconded to add language adding a Finance Committee to the list of subcommittees on this policy for the second reading. Mrs. Baker explained that this policy had been in existence many years ago and it consisted of 3 School Board members who met to review bids and look more closely at policies. The committee would bring additional information on bids to the Board.

An oral **VOTE PASSED 3/2 (D’Andrea, Andrews Parker opposed, Russell abstained)**.

J. POLICY ADOPTION: (Second Reading)

a. IKA Grading System Grades 5-12

SECOND READING GRADING SYSTEM GRADES 5 THROUGH 12

The Superintendent and the building Principals will develop a grading system appropriate for the grade levels of the respective schools. The grading system will be approved by the Board and published in the Parent-Student Handbook. All grading decisions shall be made at the building level and the decision shall be final.

Below 60	Failure
60-62	D-
63-66	D
67-69	D+
70-72	C-
73-76	C
77-79	C+
80-82	B-
83-86	B
87-89	B+
90-92	A-
93-97	A
98-100	A+

Honors Levels: Grades 9 - 12



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Honors: GPA of 3.0 and nothing under a “C”
 High Honors: GPA of 3.7 and nothing under a “B”

No student will be eligible for either honor roll if they receive an “incomplete” or a “withdraw after deadline.” (high school only)

ADDED:

Honors Levels: Grades 5 – 8

Honors: All grades of 83 and above

Highest Honors: All grades of 93 and above

No student will be eligible for either Honor Roll if they receive an “Incomplete.”

DMS Co-Principals Kim Lyndes and Mike McKenney discussed changes in the above policy on the Grading System, and more specifically, the honor roll at Dover Middle School. They presented an information sheet with the following:

History:

In April of 2011, the Dover Middle School Handbook changes were approved by the School Board without question. Included was the criteria change for the honor roll. At the time, we were unaware of policy IKA from March 2006 that would require a change in language to reflect the new grades 5-8 criteria.

In December of 2011, the new language was brought to the board as a policy change.

Data:

We recently polled parents and teachers regarding their opinion of the change.

	In Favor of change	Not in favor of change
Teachers (50)	88% (44)	12% (6)
Parents (283)	54% (152)	46% (131)

Here are major points for and against this change collected in the comment section of the survey:

Comments In Favor of the change:

- Raises the standard for excellence. Raising the standard will raise student achievement
- Simple to calculate/ clear if student did or did not make it
- Increases value of this achievement

Comments Against the change:



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- It is a change for students already adjusted to the previous criteria
- Should be an average of all grades (with higher level classes weighted differently)
- Should be 80 and above for Honors and 90 and above for Highest Honors
- Should only be based on CORE classes
- Middle School should not have an honor roll- too much pressure
- The criteria should be higher...95 and above...85 and above

Mr. D'Andrea asked if any of the other schools polled did not have honor rolls. Ms. Lyndes responded that they found that there are many different ways of calculating honor rolls, but all of the schools they contacted had some form of honor roll.

Mrs. Grady stated she had the same problem that she had at the last meeting. She prefers averaging of grades to determine honor roll. She feels that different teachers use different values for calculating grades and because of this, the honor roll would be inconsistently calculated. She also would like to see honor roll consistency between the middle and high schools. Mrs. Grady added that she is afraid students will lose confidence if the honor roll policy is changed.

Ms. Russell appreciated that the honor roll was more difficult to achieve. She thinks raising the bar is a positive change for the middle school.

Ms. Lyndes stated that the honor roll will now be more simplified and more students may make the honor roll, although there will be fewer students at the highest honors level. The number of students making the honor roll was reduced for the first quarter of this year, but there is a strong possibility that the numbers may increase for the 2nd quarter and beyond, since more students are now aware of the change.

Ms. Lyndes concluded her presentation by saying Dover Middle School is trying to honor students more frequently and in different ways. If passed, this policy will match the DMS Student handbook which was passed last spring and has been in effect for the year.

Amanda Russell moved, Paul Butler seconded, accepting Policy IKA. An oral **VOTE PASSED 4/2 (Grady, Andrews Parker opposed).**

K. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS: Kathy Baker moved, Amanda Russell seconded to direct the payment of manifest #12-G in the amount of \$486.15 for FY11 and \$1,786,483.68 for FY12 for a total of \$1,786,969.83. The time period for payments was from 12/13/11 to 12/9/12. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

L. RESOLUTIONS: None



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M. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Appointment and Approval of School Board Members to Subcommittees

City Council Liaison—Betsey Parker
CTC Advisory Committee—Doris Grady
Curriculum Planning Committee—Ken Appel, Paul Butler
DAA Negotiation Committee—Amanda Russell, Rocky D’Andrea
DEOP Negotiation Committee—Kathy Baker, Betsey Andrews Parker
DPA Negotiation Committee—Betsey Andrews Parker, Amanda Russell
DTU Negotiation Committee—Rocky D’Andrea, Paul Butler
Discipline Committee—Rocky D’Andrea, Kathy Baker, Amanda Russell
Dover Adult Learning Center—Doris Grady, Paul Butler
Dover Vocational Trust—Kathy Baker
Facilities Rental Review Ad-Hoc Committee—Rocky D’Andrea
Fiscal Policy Committee—Ken Appel
HSS Joint Building Committee—Doris Grady, Betsey Andrews Parker
Joint Fiscal Committee—Entire Board
Legislative Representative with NHSBA—Betsey Andrews Parker
Professional Development Committee—Ken Appel
Standards Policy (IKE) Review Committee—Amanda Russell
Technology Committee—Rocky D’Andrea, Betsey Andrews Parker
Wellness Advisory Committee—Paul Butler, Amanda Russell

N. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DHS Program of Study—Approval—See above

2. Award Bid for Flooring Gourmet Table

Business Administrator Mike Limanni presented the bid for flooring for the Gourmet Table at DHS. Based on recommendations by Facilities Manager Tim Knowles and CTC Director Jim Amara, he is recommending that the bid be awarded to low bidder Blier Flooring, LLC. Ms. Andrews Parker asked why this bid was so much lower than others received. Mr. Limanni responded that it was most likely the difficult economic conditions that exist at this time.

Kathy Baker moved, Amanda Russell seconded awarding the bid for flooring for the Gourmet Table to Blier Flooring, LLC. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

O. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Mrs. Grady commented on two matters of interest. The first was an offer by former student Nick Goodman to donate funds to the Dover School District. He did this a few years ago and would like to offer it again. He will contribute \$1500 to the district. In addition, his company will max or exceed his contribution by giving either \$1500 or \$2000 to the district. This money can be spent on anything in the district dealing with a reading or math program.



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Mrs. Grady also commented on an article she read in the Foster's newspaper and noticed that there was discussion on things that needed improvement in the Dover School District and she wanted to highlight some positive items of which the district should be proud. They include:

- New Dover Middle School
- Addition to Dover Middle School
- DHS Freshman wing
- New Alternative School
- WPS renovation
- HSS renovation
- DHS gym/bleachers
- New heating, electrical work, windows, roof, administrative suites, insulation at DHS
- Garrison School gym and renovation
- Expanded CTC program
- New Teacher Induction Program
- New Math in Focus curriculum
- Many others...

Mrs. Grady continued to say that the Dover School District has a great deal to offer and it is a brighter place than what was reported in the newspaper.

Ms. Andrews Parker thanked the Dover administrators and City Manager Mike Joyal for the bus tour on the preceding Saturday. She was impressed the tour and it was a great opportunity for the new Board members to see the schools.

P. ADJOURNMENT: Kathy Baker moved, Doris Grady seconded, to adjourn at 8:38 P.M. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsey Andrews Parker, Secretary
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