



**DOVER SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

## DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Session #11
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, Media Center Room Rm. 306
Meeting Date:	<b>Monday, August 6, 2012</b>
Meeting Time:	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>

- A. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Kathy Baker, Doris Grady, Ken Appel, Amanda Russell, and Rocky D'Andrea. Betsey Andrews Parker and Paul Butler were absent.
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ken Appel led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. **CITIZEN'S FORUM (LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):** No one addressed the Board.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Award Food Service Bid**

Dr. Appel asked for more information on the comparisons between the food service companies. Ms. Russell stated that through her personal experience, she had felt that the quality of the food served at her district had taken a downward turn after Café Services had been contracted. She commented that she believed that for sustained quality, Abbey Group may be above the other two companies providing bids.

Dr. Appel also asked Mr. Limanni how the district can handle an observable decline in quality if the bid is awarded to Café Services.

Mr. Limanni responded that sometimes it looks as though the food service vendor is responsible for the food and snacks served, but may sometimes the food is served by outside groups such as the after school programs coordinated by other groups.

Mr. Limanni continued to say that he felt that an important part of the success of the program is the ability of the school district to collaborate with the company.

He believes that Café Services has a good financial system that will allow them to work with the district in an easier manner. He added that he likes Abbey Group as a vendor, but believes they are on an aggressive expansion path and would prefer that Dover were not part of this initial expansion. Café Services has a strong local network and a large presence in the area which will mean they have more to lose if they do not succeed in Dover.

Mr. Limanni added that he looked into the free breakfast provision that was offered by Abbey Group and found that this is a doable option, but this would not be a reimbursable expense.

Ms. Briggs Badger added that this is just a one year contract. If the district is not happy with the service, the contract does not need to be extended.



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Doris Grady moved, Kathy Baker seconded to approve the Business Administrator's recommendation adopting Café Services as our food vendor for next year. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 4/1 (Russell opposed)**

### **E. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST**

Mr. D'Andrea apologized for the incorrect vote from last week and for the inconvenience. He also thanked Mr. Limanni for his work on this bid.

### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

Kathy Baker moved, Ken Appel seconded to adjourn at 6:40. An oral **VOTE PASSED 5/0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Rocky D'Andrea, Chairperson  
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