

To: Dover City Council

From: Dorothea Hooper, Councilor Ward 4

Re: School Board Report (2)

The Dover School Board met in Special Session, prior to a Regular Session, on August 12, 2013.

The purpose of this meeting was to go over School Board policies with an attorney from the NHSBA. The attorney was checking on the policies legal compliance, clarity, and whether policies were up to date. He suggested suspending some policies until the NHSBA had made some changes in line with legislative changes coming soon. He also suggested deleting some policies that have become outdated or combining some policies closely related to each other.

The School Board and attorney discussed policies that were related to: suspensions, attendance, truancy, Special Education, school volunteers and chaperones, tuition, residency, bullying, weapons, student health services, student records, public complaints, class size, homeschooling, class size, evaluation of professional staff, conflict of interest, background checks, student performance, assignment to classes, high school graduation, and emergency guidelines.

The attorney often offered alternative language. He suggested some code changes. He also offered to come back and meet with the Board after they had had a discussion related to his suggestions.

The meeting adjourned in order to go to a Regular Session of the Board directly after this meeting.