



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Session #2
Meeting Location:	Media Ctr(Rm 306) McConnell Center
Meeting Date:	Monday, March 17, 2014
Meeting Time:	7:30 P.M.

A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chair Amanda Russell on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:33 P.M. in Room 306 McConnell Center.

A. ROLL CALL: Present were Amanda Russell, Betsey Andrews Parker, Kathy Morrison, Doris Grady, Sarah Greenshields, Carole Soule McCammon and Michelle Muffett-Lipinski.

Also present were: DHS Principal Peter Driscoll, DHS CTC Director Louise Paradis, WPS Principal Patrick Boodey, HSS Principal Mike McKenney, DMS Principal Kim Lyndes, GES Principal Beth Dunton, CIA Director Paula Glynn, PPS Director Christine Boston, Athletic Director Peter Wotton, parents and SAU employees, Fosters.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Doris Grady led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE #1 PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEW:

Superintendent Search Committee Chair Betsey Andrews Parker introduced Julie Kukenberger as the first finalist and recapped the events of the day to the Board and to the public. Ms. Kukenberger is currently employed as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the North Hanover Township School District in Wrightstown, N.J. Ms. Andrews Parker also summarized the process for the evening, stating that Ms. Kukenberger would be presenting a sample budget and following the presentation, the Board would be interviewing her. The meeting would end no later than 9:00 pm. The same format will be followed for the second finalist, who will be visiting on March 18.

Ms. Kukenberger provided background information and commented that she had a great day visiting the schools. She was asked why she had applied to this district and responded that she is relocating due to a job opportunity for her husband. She added that she has family members in the area and is intrigued by the city.

Ms. Kukenberger presented budget information from her current district to the Board and audience.

The Board asked Ms. Kukenberger questions on the following:

- Background and past experience
- Budget presentation
- Process for generating a budget
- Making difficult budgeting decisions
- Promoting budget to tax payers and City Council
- Goals
- Motivating staff
- Leadership style
- Dealing with difficult situations
- New initiatives for Dover



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- Common Core
- Class Size
- Career and Technical Center
- Transition from hands-on to leader
- Relationship with School Board
- Building construction experience
- Future plans/Reason for choosing Dover
- Why she is the right candidate for Dover

Ms. Kukenberger's final remarks included her reasons why she is the right candidate for Dover. She stated that she is excited for the opportunity and will find answers to any questions if she does not know them. She re-iterated that she has a "can-do" attitude, passion and commitment and is excited to take a journey with Dover.

Ms. Kukenberger concluded by commending the process and only wished that she had been able to tour all buildings and meet the City Council.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

Doris Grady moved, Sarah Greenshields, seconded to adjourn the Special Session at 8:50 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Morrison, Secretary
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