

To: Dover City Council

From: Dorothea Hooper, Councilor, Ward 4

Re: School Board

The Dover School Board met in Special Session on August 25, 2014.

Citizen's Forum: There was no member of the public at the meeting.

Consent Agenda: Pass without discussion.

The purpose of this meeting was to set goals and evaluation of the Dover Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Elaine Arbour. Board Member Lipinsky met with Dr. Arbour and jointly they developed 3 smart goals (ones that can be evaluated) on which to focus.

The first goal was on developing a budget process. Dr. Arbour referred to some redundancies she was finding on budget issues. She also wanted to work on a pre-approval purchase system in the district. There also needed to be a job description for each position which will help the hiring process.

The second goal was to establish on-going relations with community groups, organizations and individuals as well as state representatives.

The third goal was to heed data learned from Dover listens to see what the general public establishes as goals and concerns and study student achievement data. This would form the basis of an in-depth, long term plan for the district

These goals and the process used to establish them was explained by Board Member Michelle Lipinsky. She met with the superintendent and they developed goals for examination in one year. Data will be kept by the superintendent to document her progress on these goals. Both the Board and the superintendent agreed that they were doable and could be proven.

School Board Matters of Interest:

1. The high school JBC met and agreed to interview 4 firms.
2. Two board members had 9 year olds that recently became baseball champions!