



**DOVER SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

## DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

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A joint Barrington/Nottingham/Dover workshop session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chairperson Amanda Russell on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gourmet's Table at Dover High School.

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

Also present were Dover Superintendent Elaine Arbour, Barrington Superintendent Gail Kushner, Barrington School Board Members David Gibson, Moira Taylor, Tim Hatfield, Rebecca Kula; Nottingham Superintendent Bob Gadomski, Nottingham School Board Members Lauren Chaurette, Lorraine Ferland, Susan Levinson, DHS Principal Peter Driscoll, Dover High School CTC Director Louise Paradis, DHS students, citizens.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Sarah Greenshields led the Pledge.

**C. CITIZENS' FORUM:** No one addressed the Boards.

**D. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Ms. Russell welcomed all in attendance to the meeting after which superintendents and school board members introduced themselves.

Sarah Greenshields moved, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski seconded suspending the rules and moving the school tour to the end of the agenda. An oral **VOTE PASSED 5/0**.

### **E. SUMMARY OF WHAT DOVER OFFERS AT DHS;**

Dover High School Principal Peter Driscoll distributed handouts outlining academic offerings in areas including core and career tech education, as well as athletics and other extracurricular activities (archived). He explained that Dover High has many offerings and it is the hope of the staff that all students become involved in activities. Career technical offerings are integrated as much as possible so that all students are able to take core academic and CTC courses.

Career Technical Center Director Louise Paradis presented information on the CTC and stated that Dover has the largest CTC in the area and offers 15 programs to students. Skills that students learn in the CTC will last a lifetime. There is also an evening program that offers a plumbing and electrical apprenticeship program.

### **F. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS:**

Students presented information on their specific courses of study:



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**Tyler**-Senior-Firefighter/EMT program, but started as an LNA student. His goal is to attend college and major in Nursing. He is enthusiastic about the programs in which he has participated.

**Nick**-Senior-Engineering program. He loves the program and his goal is to pursue an engineering degree in college.

**Leah**-Barrington resident-Animal Science program. She loves that the programs is hands-on and when she graduates she will already have her dog grooming license. She was hired by her current job through this program and is also involved in the equine program. She feels this has been one of her best choices and has had many opportunities because of her involvement in the program. She is doing an internship in the Bahamas working with dolphins and wants to be an animal rehabilitationist. She has also participated in many other activities during her time at DHS.

**Anita**-Sophomore-NJROTC-This program has provided many opportunities including visits to military academies. She also attended a STEM program at WestPoint and will have the opportunity to ride in a Blackhawk helicopter. She has volunteered in the community and loves the NJROTC program. It has allowed her to see what military life may be like without the commitment.

**Connor**-Nottingham resident-Senior-current valedictorian-has taken many honors and Advanced Placement classes while at DHS and finds them to be rigorous. He is taking engineering classes also and is a 3 varsity sport athlete, NHS, athletic leadership council and National Technical Honor Society.

**Abby**-Nottingham resident-Junior-is taking biotech and AP classes. She loves the biotech classes and they are offered on a daily basis. She added that AP English is the most difficult class she has ever taken. She also participates in basketball and soccer.

**Luke**-Barrington resident-will be the new Barrington School Board student representative. He is an honor student and a 3 sport athlete. He is on the athletic leadership council and is also involved in the marketing program at DHS. He is happy he chose DHS as his high school and will most likely major in business in college.

Mr. Driscoll noted that for the fall season, 32 Barrington and 26 Nottingham students participated in a sport and 10 Barrington and 1 Nottingham student participated in the band/chorus program.

He discussed some of the technology-related resources that DHS provides including 35 computers in the library, a computer lab with 30 computers, 4 mobile laptop carts with 30 laptops on each cart, and iPad cart, smart boards and projectors.



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Mr. Paradis discussed the CTE programs and noted that the community is heavily involved and provides out of school resources including internships and jobs after graduation. Cramer Fabrics and Lindt Chocolates are two of the businesses that work with the CTC for internships and job placements.

### **G. SCHOOL TOUR-MOVED TO AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

### **H. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE NEEDS**

Ms. Kushner asked for an update on the status of CTC funding. Ms. Russell responded that the State of NH has moved Dover up by a year and Dover will receive 75% funding (\$13.5 million) of the project. The feasibility study will be started as soon as contract negotiations have been completed and it should be known by the end of the year if the district will be renovating or new construction will occur.

Dr. Arbour added that the JBC has been looking at other schools to see trends. She added that she and others would like to see a blend of academics and career tech programs so there is a clearer connection.

Nottingham School Board members asked the number of Advanced Placement offerings at Dover High School and how well prepared their students are when they arrive at DHS as freshmen. Mr. Driscoll responded that there are 6-8 AP courses offered each year and that Dover has started testing in Math and English and will be able to provide feedback to the towns. Mr. Gadomski added that Nottingham added the position of Curriculum/HS Director this year and the person in this position will work with DHS and bring data back to Nottingham so that they will have more information on the preparedness of their students.

Nottingham Board members commented that their students like to attend DHS because of the size and diversity, as well as athletics and number of course offerings.

Barrington School Board members noted that the number of CTC programs are a big draw to their students.

Nottingham School Board asked how much contact an average student has with guidance. Mr. Driscoll responded that there are 6 guidance counselors and 2 CTC career counselors who meet with students. They are trying to create more of a link with incoming students by connecting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Their initial meeting with counselors is to create a 4-year plan for their time at DHS. Guidance also provides contact by attending classes and presenting information on topics including bullying and social media.

Guidance also prepares students for PSAT's, ACT's and SAT's, as well as provide support to students when planning for college, work or other career paths. They offer guidance also for mental health issues, mediation and risk assessment.



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Mr. Driscoll added that all senior English teachers assign the college essay as their first assignment to students.

Nottingham Board members asked what percent of DHS participates in CTC classes, to which Ms. Paradis responded at least 30-35%. There are introductory classes offered so that students can determine if they would like to continue. Mr. Driscoll added that there are 8 slots due to the AB schedule which allows students to take more classes.

Mr. Driscoll explained the NEASC accreditation process and stated that preparation for the process is ongoing even though accreditation occurs every 10 years. The school is doing a self-study and professional days will include presentations on 7 standards that will lay the foundation for what needs to happen before the process begins in 2 years.

Next year, the school will be piloting an advisory program that is required for accreditation.

**I. OTHER:** Ms. Russell reminded the School Board and others present about the 5K race being held on November 9 for unified sports team.

**J: ADJOURNMENT:** Michelle Muffett-Lipinski moved, Sarah Greenshields seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 5/0**.

Those interested, participated in a tour of Dover High School and Career Tech Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin LaFleur, Recording Secretary

Handouts are archived with these meeting minutes.