



**DOVER SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

## DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

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| Meeting Type:     | Special Session #7                      |
| Meeting Location: | Media Center (Rm 306), McConnell Center |
| Meeting Date:     | <b>Thursday, April 20, 2017</b>         |
| Meeting Time:     | <b>7:30 P.M.</b>                        |

**A.** A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chair Amanda Russell on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:32 P.M. in the Media Center of the McConnell Center.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russell, Betsey Andrews Parker, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski, Matt Lahr, and Carolyn Mebert.  
Also present was: Business Administrator Libby Simmons, Patrick Boodey, Christine Boston, Paula Glynn, Mayor Karen Weston, Fosters.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Keith Holt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. CITIZEN'S FORUM:** No one addressed the Board.

**E. INTERVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE PATRICIA LALLY:**

Dr. Lally introduced herself and provided background. She stated that she is currently Superintendent of Schools for Holbrook School District in Massachusetts where she has been for 3 years.

Each Board member asked questions of Dr. Lally. Below is a summary.

- Collaborative style of leadership
- Collaborative relationship with School Board. Honest with them. Shared vision. Communicate with School Board
- Would like to come to Dover since it seems to be a positive district, loves NH
- Likes Dover's sense of community
- Has experience with building a strategic plan. Used community as a resource to get ideas (community center, etc.). Discovered what was valued in the schools. Created an action plan.
- Would build trust with community
- Attend community events including school activities
- Reviews data from other sources including state testing. Needs to do vertical as well as horizontal alignment. Needs input from community. Data tells schools what should be doing.
- Would talk to people to determine strengths and weaknesses of Dover School District
- Critical issues in 5 years may be Charter school voucher system and possible teacher shortage.
- Not a micromanager
- Work with Business Administrator on the budget
- She is her own greatest critic. Disappointed when can't get what she needs for the students
- Strengths included being a good listener, value other's opinions, supportive, honest
- Would like to expand teaching classes for American International College



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- Try to change student behavior when there are discipline issues, support socio-emotional development, peer mediation, restorative justice.

Michelle Muffett-Lipinski moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded to recess the special session at 8:35 pm. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

At 8:40 pm, the Board re-entered public session.

Ms. Andrews Parker asked for public conversation before going into nonpublic session. She stated that there needs to be more time with candidates before deciding. Other Board members agreed with her and felt another step was needed. They added that they would like to talk with administrators and others who met the candidates for their thoughts.

The Board agreed that a decision would not be made at this meeting in public or nonpublic.

Michelle Muffett-Lipinski moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded to enter nonpublic session at 8:55 pm to discuss RSA 91-A:3 II (b), the hiring of any person as a public employee. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

The Board entered non-public session to discuss the hiring of a superintendent.

The Board discussed whether the minutes of the nonpublic session would be sealed and all in attendance determined that they would not be sealed.

At 9:35, Keith Holt moved, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski seconded to adjourn the nonpublic session and re-enter the public meeting. The Board re-entered public session. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

It was agreed that Ms. Russell and Ms. LaFleur will contact Ray and Associates to schedule an additional interview or consider an interim superintendent based on feedback received from Mr. Ray. Potential dates for distance interviews would be April 25 or May 1.

Michelle Muffett-Lipinski moved, Keith Holt seconded to adjourn the public session at 9:40 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0. (all in favor)**