DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Session #16
Meeting Location:	Media Center (Rm 306), McConnell Center
Meeting Date:	**Thursday, June 28, 2018**
Meeting Time:	**6:30 P.M.**

A. A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chair Amanda Russell on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Media Center (Rm 306) of the McConnell Center.

B. **ROLL CALL**: Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Zak Koehler, Matt Lahr, Carolyn Mebert and Andrew Wallace. Kathy Morrison was excused. Also present was: Business Administrator Libby Simmons and Superintendent Bill Harbron, DHS Principal Peter Driscoll.

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Matt Lahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. **CITIZEN'S FORUM (LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS):** No one addressed the Board.

E. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Correspondence:**
2. **Resignations/Retirements:**
   a. Karen Berg
   b. Diana Fallon
3. **Leaves of Absence:** none
4. **Nominations:**
   a. Teacher nominations
5. **Extended Travel (Student Trips):**
6. **Donations:** June 28 Donations

Carolyn Mebert moved, Andrew Wallace seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

Dr. Mebert stated her appreciation for the work done by Karen Berg and wished her best of luck in her new position in Barrington.

F. **FY19 BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Simmons informed the Board that due to closing of purchase orders, there is an additional approximate $175,000 in the FY18 budget. The Board is limited with the use of the remaining funds. Ms. Simmons and Dr. Harbron recommended spending an additional $175,000 on Chromebooks that were approved at the June 11 School Board meeting with Trinity3 being the vendor. There may be lower prices due to discounts for volume orders and possibly rebates. The purchase of these additional machines will be distributed through the schools. Dr. Harbron stated that the purchase of these Chromebooks would go toward Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan and directly assist with the technology piece of the plan. He feels this would be a step in the right direction.

Mr. Wallace expressed the same concern that he had at the last meeting stating that is concerned with the District purchasing a lower quality item. He wants to make sure that the District gets the best value for the money. Mr. Koehler asked if it would be possible to put toward the infrastructure rather than devices, to which Dr. Harbron responded that the infrastructure is in pretty good shape and commended Jeffrey Myers with his work on this. Dover High School will become the hub of the District with DMS serving as a backup. Dr. Harbron commended Acting IT Director Veronica Kuzmitski for her work while the District has been without a Director. She will continue to serve as Data Analyst and will work in the curriculum department.

Mr. Koehler asked if the funds could be used for FY19 items to which Ms. Russell responded in the negative. If there are remaining funds, they would go toward the City's fund balance. Mr. Koehler asked for a meeting with the City Council to discuss this practice. Ms. Russell stated that she would add to the next Joint Fiscal Committee agenda.

Dr. Harbron updated the Board on the FY19 budget stating that the District needs to wait to fill the Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning position until the status of the budget is known. He continued to say that he is watching staffing and will know more within a few weeks.

Mr. Wallace stated his disappointment in buying a cheaper Chromebook and his fear that they won't last. He appreciates the time that people spent in this process but wants to get the best value. Dr. Mebert noted that the Board must work with the bid process. Ms. Russell noted the cost would be the same or less than previously quoted.

Ms. Simmons noted that there isn't enough time to re-bid and the deadline is June 30 for purchases. She added that they must go with the same vendor for this bid.

Mr. Wallace stated his belief that the vendor should provide at least a 20% discount. He felt it was a somewhat disingenuous bid and preferred not to give the bid to this company. He added that there were other vendors on the list that were priced better. Ms. Russell stated that the technology is greatly needed, and she feels this is good use of the money.

Mr. Wallace stated that he is voting in the affirmative tonight since there is not another option and he would like to see some form of technology in the schools.

Zak Koehler moved, Matt Lahr seconded to authorize spending up to $175,000 to Trinity3 Technology for computers. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

K. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Mr. Koehler commented that he is on the Dover 400th anniversary committee and hopes for large interaction with the school district. He will keep the Board informed on the status.

Mr. Holt commented that Garrison School project is progressing, and the committee toured the school at the last meeting. He stated that it looks amazing and was impressed with the results so far.

Mr. Russell reminded the Board and public that portions of Alumni Dr. are closed until July 20 due to work on the construction project. Mr. Driscoll confirmed that parking lots are still accessible.

Mr. Koehler informed the Board that he is on the Energy Commission and noted their excitement about the solar contract

L. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Keith Holt moved, Zak Koehler seconded to adjourn the Special Session at 7:05 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**