



DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting #8
Meeting Location: Media Ctr. (Room 306) McConnell Center
Meeting Date: **Monday, August 13, 2018**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Amanda Russell called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the McConnell Center Media Center.

B. ROLL CALL: Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Zak Koehler, Matt Lahr, Carolyn Mebert and Andrew Wallace.

Also present were: Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Libby Simmons, Joan Breault and Tom Waldron.

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

D. CITIZENS' FORUM: no one addressed the Board.

E. AGENDA APPROVAL: Carolyn Mebert moved, Zak Koehler seconded to approve the agenda with changes including moving up item M. b. DHS, Bellamy Academy Handbook changes. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0**.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting #7, July 9, 2018

Matt Lahr moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded approval of the minutes as presented. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0**.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Correspondence:

- a. Letter from O'Connell's regarding transportation request

2. Resignations/Retirements:

- a. Diana Tintle, WPS Grade 3 Teacher

3. Leaves of Absence: none

4. Job Shares: none

5. Nominations:

- a. Teacher

6. Extended Travel (Student Trips):

- a. 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip-Prelim Approval 5/28-6/1/19

7. Donations: August 13

Kathy Morrison moved, Matt Lahr seconded to pull item G. 1. a. from the agenda for discussion. The Board discussed the request for transportation to a Somersworth day care and determined that the policy would need to be amended for this to be approved. The Board would like to approve this request and feel that it is an unfortunate situation but are unable to approve the request due to the language in the current policy.



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Carolyn Mebert moved, Matt Lahr seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

H. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: none

I. POLICY-CHANGES-PROPOSALS:

- a. IKFC—Alternative Diploma—Keith Holt moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded to table policy IKFC until the September 10 School Board meeting. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

J. POLICY ADOPTION: none

K. RESOLUTIONS: none

L. OLD BUSINESS: none

M. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Approval of Proposed CIP**—The Board discussed the proposed CIP and agreed that they would prefer to not put off the installation of AC/Dehumidification System until FY2025. They felt that this could be harmful to the school and cost more in the future. Ms. Russell commented that she will ask to include this on the next JFC meeting agenda for discussion by the Council and Board. Mr. Wallace commented that it may be helpful to contact maintenance to deter the effects of more moisture on the school if the project is put off.

All agreed that the District is moving in the right direction, but still delay maintenance too long.

Dr. Mebert reminded the Board and Citizens that they should let preferences be known about funding for education in NH by contacting the Representatives and Senators.

Ms. Simmons noted that if the time frame is change to 2023, the work would be done at the same time as the middle school roof which is also over \$500,000.

Dr. Mebert recommended finding data on what the financial repercussions are for putting off projects. Ms. Simmons stated that she could find information that may show this data.

Keith Holt moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded to amend the CIP to change #10 to FY2023. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

Ms. Simmons commented on #5, stating that the increase in cost for additional GES improvements is estimated to increase by 7.5% each year. Work for this phase include administrative area, entrance, bus loop and site work in the back. It does not include additional classrooms. This is scheduled for FY2024.

Zak Koehler moved, Keith Holt seconded to approve the CIP. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**



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- b. DHS, Bellamy Academy Handbook Changes—moved up.** Attendance policies were discussed. Dean of Students Tom Waldron stated that other consequences are found as opposed to suspending students. It isn't beneficial to suspend a student for being absent. They want to make sure students are in class and are trying to be flexible with consequences so that this can happen. They try and develop plans that will help students get back on track.

Keith Holt moved, Matt Lahr seconded to approve the DHS and Bellamy Academy Handbook changes. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0**.

- c. Bid Award—Bellamy Academy Vestibule:** Ms. Simmons reviewed the summary. The work will be completed on the Bellamy Academy in April 2019. The work at WPS will be held off due to over budget of \$90,000. There is a chance that additional funding will be approved by the state for both projects but that won't be known until September. The same company bid for both jobs.

Keith Holt moved, Zak Koehler seconded to award the bid for Bellamy Academy Vestibule to Broadview Construction Corp. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 7/0**.

- d. Enrollment Update:** The Board reviewed the enrollment numbers for the beginning of the school year. Ms. Russell commented that there will be a large freshman class at DHS. The other grades are slightly lower. Nottingham freshman enrollment has increased this year.

Ms. Russell commented that WPS Kindergarten may be the grade for highest concern.

N. SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Zak Koehler moved, Andrew Wallace seconded to direct the Superintendent to pay manifest #19-B in the amount of \$2,071,938.02 for FY19, \$418,679.41 for FY18 and \$2,266.50 for FY16 for a total of \$2,492,883.93 for the period of June 30-August 10. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 7/0**.

O. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Harbron submitted his report to the Board. The Board discussed information shared by Dr. Harbron on committees. It was clarified that bi-monthly is two times per month and committees are formed and dissolved as needed.

P. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Holt stated that the GES JBC is progressing and going well. There will be a walkthrough on Tuesday to view completed work. Punch lists are being completed. Ms. Dunton and her staff are excited to get into the new space.

Ms. Russell stated that the DHS project is still on time and on budget. She noted that there won't be 100% completion at the beginning of the school year, but it will be ready for occupancy. Inspections occur daily. The occupancy date will be either 8/17 or 8/20. Current



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sports and activities are still occurring at the old school. C&W Services will be assisting Diamond Relocation with moving. Masons Cornerstone Ceremony will be September 21, Ribbon Cutting will be October 12, Public tours will be November 23. It is assumed that this year's open house will be well attended.

Q. SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST: Ms. Russell asked Board members to send her agenda items for the next JFC meeting with the City Council by the end of the week if possible so that she can request a date for the meeting with the mayor.

Mr. Driscoll is working on finding a new student representative for the School Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

R. ADJOURNMENT: Carolyn Mebert moved, Andrew Wallace seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:57 pm. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**