



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Session #18
Meeting Location:	Media Center (Room 306), McConnell Center
Meeting Date:	Monday, October 22, 2018
Meeting Time:	6:00 P.M.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chair Amanda Russell on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in Room 306 (Media Center) of the McConnell Center.
- B. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Zak Koehler, Carolyn Mebert, Andrew Wallace and Matt Lahr. Also, present were: IT Director Christy Prosser, Bill Harbron, Asst. Supt Paula Glynn, Principals Beth Dunton, Patty Driscoll, Patrick Boodey, Kim Lyndes, and Peter Driscoll.
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Matt Lahr led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. **CITIZEN'S FORUM:** No one addressed the Board.
- E. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
1. **Correspondence:** none
 2. **Resignations/Retirements:**
 - a. Mervin Faulkner
 3. **Leaves of Absence:** none
 4. **Nominations:** none
 5. **Extended Travel (Student Trips):**
 - a. NJROTC—Mass Maritime Academy-Prelim/Final Approval
 6. **Donations:** none

Keith Holt moved, Andrew Wallace seconded to approve the consent agenda with the change of date in the Mass Maritime field trip to November 16. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0**. Ms. Russell commended Mr. Faulkner on his work and noted that he would be missed.

- F. **APPROVAL OF BID FOR FIREWALL:** Ms. Prosser stated that the District is getting a good deal on this product with a lower price. The higher prices are for items that include all premium add-ons. The District, and not the JBC will be paying for this product. This product will block suspicious activity and protect the District with threat detection.
- Zak Koehler moved, Andrew Wallace seconded to award the bid for Firewall to Optiv. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 7/0**.

Dr. Harbron distributed a summary of responses from the Exit Surveys received. This item will be added to the next regular School Board meeting agenda.

Dr. Harbron distributed information to the Board on the SEL Task force.

- G. **STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION:** Dr. Harbron reviewed the goals in the strategic plan to be discussed at this workshop which include Student Voice, Student Support and Wellness, Social,



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Emotional, Physical and Student Engagement in Learning. Each principal reviewed information for his/her school with Paula Glynn summarizing information for the District.

Mr. Koehler stated his excited to see the students becoming involved.

After Ms. Lyndes' presentation, Ms. Russell asked if students will still be able to participate in performing arts with a change in schedule. Ms. Lyndes responded that they are still trying to work out that piece of the issue. She would like the students to all have options and may need to look at creative scheduling.

Mr. Holt asked if DMS and DHS communicate for consistency. Ms. Lyndes agreed that this could be helpful. Dr. Harbron noted that the elementary schools may have different ways to which Mr. Holt agreed but believe they should continually build. Mr. Driscoll added that high school deans have attend middle school advisory time to see what is going on there.

Mr. Koehler noted that students should be asked for their input on ideas for physical activity when dealing with lunch/recess options. Phones are not allowed during this time. They are only used for instructional purposes only.

Mr. Wallace noted that it is great to see curriculum follow in a progressive pattern. He stated his belief that this will help with the new facility. He added his pride and excitement in the schools.

After speaking about the strong after school program at DMS, Mr. Holt noted that there could be challenges when only volunteers are used. After volunteers move on, consistency is lost.

After Ms. Dunton summarized the goals for Garrison, Ms. Russell recommended that she look at scheduling by topic and not by class. She noted that this may be more difficult for teachers, but it benefits the students. Mr. Wallace stated his excited for what is going on in schools now and hopes social media reflects this. Ms. Russell agreed that she hopes that social media shows parents all of the good that is going on in the schools since this is a great tool, although she stressed this should be for adults only. This could make Dover a leader.

Dr. Harbron noted that elementary teachers worked together, but there are some differences, along with many similarities.

Mr. Boodey stated that WPS is piloting programs involving texting rather than emailing so that more families are aware of occurrences in the school. Mr. Holt stated the need to define priorities and how to communicate. The message should be delivered via the best option for the situation.

Mr. Holt asked for a time to discuss curriculum to which Dr. Harbron agreed and stated he would also like to schedule a workshop to discuss competency-based learning. Mr. Holt stated that it is foundational part of the District and would also help with budgeting.



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Ms. Glynn was the last to present to the Board and stated that the district-level is trying to support the initiatives in the schools.

Ms. Glynn thanked the Rotary for the Traveling Tales refurbished van.

In summary, Ms. Glynn stated that all of this work is setting the stage for competency-based learning. The Teaching and Learning committee is working hard on this initiative.

- H. **SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:** Dr. Mebert thanked Dr. Harbron for holding a coffee with Superintendent on Saturday, October 20. Ms. Russell echoed her sentiments and felt it was a beneficial event.

Mr. Holt commended the Marching Band and Color Guard on a great Band Show. He noted that the field was in poor shape due to bad weather and feels that it is important to look at turf fields so that injuries don't become an issue. He wished good luck to the band at the finals to be held next weekend in Maine.

Ms. Russell stated that the music was exceptional at the DHS dedication ceremony also. The acoustics were much better than in the old high school. She commended the students on their behavior during the ceremony also.

Dr. Harbron informed the public that the Seacoast Choral Festival is Tuesday night at DHS also.

Mr. Koehler asked for a status update on the solar panels to which Mr. Driscoll responded that the installation will occur in November and is approximately a 2-month project.

Mr. Koehler commented that he is on the Energy Commission and would be interested in starting an energy climate mitigation committee that would include School Board, students, and teachers. They would coordinate with the commission and the City Council. Dr. Mebert noted that a SEED grant was given to science teacher Art LeClair for a water study grant. Mr. Driscoll noted that there are many "green" chemicals now that aren't as harsh, so a change is beginning.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT:** Carolyn Mebert moved, Andrew Wallace seconded to adjourn the Special Session at 7:30 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**