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A workshop session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chairperson Amanda Russell on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 6:01 p.m. in the Media Access Room in the McConnell Center for the purpose of discussing the FY20 school district budget.

A. ROLL CALL:

Members present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Andrew Wallace, Carolyn Mebert, Zak Koehler and Matt Lahr. Kathy Morrison was excused.

Also present were Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Libby Simmons, Assistant Superintendent Paula Glynn, Administrator's Patty Driscoll, Patrick Boodey, Peter Driscoll and Beth Dunton, as well as various district teachers.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Andrew Wallace led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZEN'S FORUM:

1. Liz Dubois, 389 Back Road spoke to the Board in support of teachers pay increase.
2. Gretchen Lothrop, 1116 Grandview Drive spoke to the Board in support of teachers pay increase.

Carolyn Mebert moved, Andrew Wallace seconded, to approve that a teacher who is a non-resident speak to the Board. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0**.

3. Sarah Boucher, Dover teacher who is a non-resident, spoke to the Board in support of teachers pay increase and praised the employees and parents of the District.

D. FY 2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Dr. Harbron began by reviewing the evenings budget outline. Ms. Simmons stated that the update to the allowed tax increase has been updated in both the Level Service with Obligations Budget and Forward Budget worksheets, as well as the school's special revenue budgets that were distributed. She reminded the Board that when it comes time to vote, they would be voting on the General Fund operating budget, as well as the School Special Revenue budget.

Ms. Russell asked if the District was going to use capital reserves for the literacy program Fountas and Pinnell, to which Ms. Simmons responded in the negative, as when the budget was originally presented, Fountas & Pinnell had not been discussed with the Board.

Ms. Simmons reminded the Board that impact fees are included in the School's Facilities Capital Reserve fund, which is reflected in the spreadsheet provided. Ms. Russell stated



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that if funds are available, using a portion of the impact fees would be reasonable and beneficial to the budget. Ms. Simmons also stated that Nottingham School District estimated an additional 11 students over last year's enrollment, which will increase the estimated revenue.

The Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Program was listed as having an Option A and B to the updated budget requests. After the discussion of Option B, which contain a limited amount of resources; shared throughout each grade level, it was decided that Option B did not provide materials necessary for a well-rounded program. Dr. Mebert inquired as to what the District did to make the DGR program so successful 10 years ago, to which Ms. Glynn responded there was ample professional development time given to teachers to meet during the day, after school, or throughout the summer, but throughout the past years, professional development has been minimized in the budget. The majority of the Board was in favor of keeping Option A, the full program.

Dr. Mebert recommended the District contact Bedford and Windham School District to inquire as to what they are doing pertaining to accountability.

Dr. Harbron stressed the importance of providing the two coaching positions at the middle school due to the DMS double school model and Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning being removed from the requested budget.

Ms. Russell suggested that the District pull \$75,000 from the Curriculum Capital Reserve fund to offset the purchase of Fountas and Pinnell and \$200,000 from the School Facilities Capital Reserve fund, specifically impact fees to offset debt service.

The Board reviewed the potential reductions/additions and below are their straw poll results:

- Remove the Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning
- Change one federally funded coaching position to 50% federal, 50% local funds
- Remove K-2 math/science coach
- Keep 5-8 math/science coach
- Keep the 3% increase for 16 non-union positions
- Keep 2 special educators
- Keep weight room supervisor
- Keep medical consultant
- Remain with Fountas and Pinnell Option A
- Keep additional professional development
- Keep scheduling software at DHS
- More reading of materials needs to be done on Library increase for DHS



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Adding the above items and adjustments to revenue, the draft budget exceeds the tax cap by \$1,858,241.00, close to the original level service with obligations budget that had been presented.

Mr. Koehler suggested that next year the district hold a science fair to draw people in who may be interested in creating the software for DHS, since it is an annual subscription.

E. MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Dr. Mebert stated that letters she has received pertaining to the budget are rather aggressive, she reiterated the interest of hearing the concerns of Dover citizens but asks for people to provide facts to their complaints.

Dr. Harbron expressed his sympathy to the family of the student that was lost to us last week and wanted to also express his praise to the staff for handling the following school days with a tremendous amount of care and the appropriate structure for both students, and staff, to make it through the following days.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

Zak Koehler moved, Andrew Wallace seconded, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**