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A workshop session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chairperson Amanda Russell on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:02 p.m. in Room 305 in the McConnell Center for the purpose of discussing the FY21 school district budget.

A. ROLL CALL:

Members present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Rachel Burdin, Carolyn Mebert, Zak Koehler and Jessica Rozzo.

Also present were Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Libby Simmons, Assistant Superintendent Paula Glynn, Assistant Superintendent Christine Boston, Assistant Director for Student Services Abby Small, Administrator's Patty Driscoll, Peter Driscoll, Kim Lyndes and Beth Dunton, DHS CTC Director Lisa Danley, DTU President Lisa Dillingham, as well as various district teachers.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jessica Rozzo led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZEN'S FORUM:

1. Lisa Dillingham, President of the Dover Teacher's Union shared with the Board that a survey was sent to members of the union regarding the current proposals. The results will be presented at the next meeting.
2. Fran Meffen, 16 Benjamin Way, also a school counselor at Dover Middle School, spoke on behalf of the request for the additional related arts teacher at DMS, and the athletic coaching positions.
3. Martha Haley, 407 Sixth Street, spoke on behalf of the athletic coaching positions and the substitute wage increase.
4. Steven Essler, 4 Governor Sawyer Lane, requested that the Board keep the tax cap in mind.
5. Marybeth Perelli, 35 New Rochester Road, presented ideas on where she feels the District could save money, and requested the District to not exceed last year's spending amount for education.

D. FY 2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Dr. Harbron began by reviewing the evenings budget outline.

Ms. Simmons informed the Board that the funds for the literacy programs Foundations and Fountas and Pinnell are budgeted in the Curriculum Capital Reserve fund for FY21. The funds to transfer to the Curriculum Capital Reserve were reduced in the FY21 budget, pending the Council's approval of the resolution that the Board approved at its last meeting.

Dr. Mebert asked for clarification on the dollar amount for the level funded budget with obligations proposal, to which Ms. Simmons responded with the amount of \$67,407,927



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which includes the removal of the funds to be transferred to the capital reserve for the literacy programs.

The Board moved forward with a discussion on a level funded budget with obligations and selected proposals, they proceeded by choosing a category in which to prioritize the needs of the district.

The Board reviewed the potential additions and below are their results:

- Increase administrative assistant at Bellamy Academy to 1FTE
- Athletic coaching positions
- Increase DHS music teacher to 1FTE
- IT technician (possibly 2FTEs)
- Library aide at DMS 1 FTE
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- Lead psychologist 1 FTE
- Substitute wage increase
- World language teacher or related arts teacher at DMS 1 FTE

The Board requests that they receive further information on the CTC staffing requests, as well as the study hall monitor positions at Dover High School.

The Board requested the recommended increases in homeless transportation of \$20,000 and legal fees of \$10,000 be rolled into the FY21 level funded budget with obligations. Ms. Simmons explained that the amounts requested were based off the average of the past three years.

Adding the above items and adjustments, the draft budget exceeds the tax cap by \$2,210,002.

Ms. Russell provided the Board would deliberate more at the next Board meeting, after hearing the results from the DTU survey and receiving feedback back from administration.

Mr. Holt asks that the public and staff please attend the meetings to voice their concerns.

Ms. Russell reminded the public the selected additions chosen for more discussion do not represent the final number to be presented to the Council, they are the topics the Board is requesting to obtain more information on.

Mr. Koehler expressed the need for the state to do more with subsidizing funding, and not put the demand on local property owners.

E. MATTERS OF INTEREST:



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Ms. Russell reminded everyone that Saturday, January 25th there will be a Coffee with the Superintendent at 9:00 a.m. to be held at Dover High School's Gourmet Table. Along with the Superintendent, the Mayor, School Board and possibly City Council members will also be present. She also provided this is the opportune time to have open discussions regarding the budget that citizens forum does not allow for.

Ms. Russell also reminded the public that the Joint Fiscal Committee will be meeting Wednesday, January 29th at City Hall in the council's conference room.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Carolyn Mebert moved, Keith Holt seconded, to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 7/0.**