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A workshop session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chairperson Amanda Russell on Monday, January 27, 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, Rachel Burdin, Carolyn Mebert, Zak Koehler and Jessica Rozzo. Excused – Kathy Morrison

Also present were Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Libby Simmons, Assistant Superintendent Paula Glynn, Assistant Superintendent Christine Boston, Director of Technology Christy Prosser, Director of Athletics Peter Wotton, Administrator's Patty Driscoll, Peter Driscoll, Kim Lyndes, Patrick Boodey and Beth Dunton, and DTU President Lisa Dillingham.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Rachel Burdin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZEN'S FORUM:

1. Martha Haley, 407 Sixth Street, inquired to what percentage of the FY21 proposed budget is the second year of the DTU contract.
2. Linda Merullo, 21 Sandy Lane, spoke on behalf of the tax cap.
3. Joe Merullo, 21 Sandy Lane, spoke on behalf of the tax cap and inquired what percentage of the tax cap is set aside for the school district.
4. Phyllis Woods, 1 Berry Street, spoke on behalf of the tax cap.

D. DOVER TEACHERS UNION SURVEY RESULTS:

Lisa Dillingham, President of the Dover Teachers Union presented the results of the DTU survey. (Please see attached document).

E. FY 2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Mr. Driscoll spoke regarding the science department at Dover High School and the need for an additional science teacher, expressing the department has lost a significant amount of science teachers throughout recent years. (Please see attached document).

Mr. Driscoll also expressed the need for a study hall teacher to relieve teachers from covering the block, as well as increasing the music teacher position to full time.

Ms. Simmons informed the Board that there has been an additional revenue source of \$159,330 added to the tuition revenue due to an increase in Nottingham students.



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Mr. Holt inquired as to how much of the level funded budget with obligations is for the year-two DTU contract to which Ms. Simmons responded approximately \$1.6 million, which includes the medical premium increase of 7.7% across the district.

The Board requested administration present a list of items that could potentially be cut from the budget to bring it at or below the tax cap.

The Board moved forward with a discussion on a level funded budget with obligations and selected proposals, with the results being:

- Increase administrative assistant at Bellamy Academy to 1FTE
- Athletic coaching positions
- Increase DHS music teacher to 1FTE
- IT technician (possibly 2FTEs)
- Library aide at DHS 1 FTE
- Lead psychologist 1 FTE
- Substitute wage increase
- World language teacher or related arts teacher at DMS 1 FTE
- DHS Science Teacher 1 FTE
- Non-union personnel increase of 3%

Ms. Russell provided the Board would deliberate more at the next Board meeting.

F. MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Mr. Koehler represented the Dover School Board at the NHSAA meeting in Concord on Saturday. He informed the public that the resolution to restrict firearms on school property that Dover cosponsored with Oyster River was approved and will continue to proceed further in the approval process.

Ms. Russell provided the Coffee with the Superintendent on January 25th was well attended and thanked Aroma Joes for supplying the coffee.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Keith Holt moved, Dr. Carolyn Mebert seconded, to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**