



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Session #7
Meeting Location:	Media Center (Room 306), McConnell Center
Meeting Date:	Monday March 16, 2020
Meeting Time:	6:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Amanda Russell called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center (Rm 306) of the McConnell Center.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Carolyn Mebert, Zachary Koehler and Jessica Rozzo. Rachel Burdin was present via phone conference.

Also present were: Superintendent Bill Harbron, Assistant Superintendent Christine Boston, Mayor Bob Carrier and Foster's.

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance
- D. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

UPDATE

Dr. Harbron updated the Board on actions the District is taking due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the mandate by Governor Sununu to close schools and move to remote learning. He provided a Response Team has been created to work on preparations for the closure and how to best maintain student learning throughout this time. Team members consist of food service, transportation, District leadership, and Fire Chief Paul Haas. He provided the team, as well as the District's Full Leadership Team met multiple times over the weekend to continue the planning.

Fresh Picks Café and First Student Transportation will work with the District to provide meals to all students. Pick-up locations will be communicated to families in the upcoming week as they are confirmed.

He provided the state has announced new guidelines for these remote learning days; as long as materials and lessons are provided, and teachers are available, the days will be counted as regular school days.

C&W Services will continue to work to thoroughly clean the buildings while students and staff are away.

Dr. Boston provided information relating to Student Services. Special Education educators have been working with para educators and teams to create modified versions of work. Nurses have a system in place for families to pick up medications and will be checking in with families periodically. They will spend a majority of their time entering information into the District's student information system. She provided school counselors will be conducting phone check-ins with students on how to structure their days and provide internet safety advice.

Dr. Harbron commended the staff on the work being done in the short amount of time.

Mayor Carrier discussed a Tri-City meeting on Saturday between Dover, Rochester and Somersworth; which consisted of key members of each location. He stated that Paul Haas, the emergency contact for Dover has been instrumental. He asked the public to keep the elderly comforted and informed during this time.

Ms. Russell commended communication being provided by the District, to the Board, as well as families. She also provided that her high school student is already receiving communication from his teachers directly.



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Dr. Harbron ask for those families who do not have computers or internet access, please call the district office.

Mr. Holt inquired as to how the District is communicating to families, to which Dr. Harbron responded One Call phone and/or emails to families, the District website with a new dedicated COVID-19 page, and Facebook. He will also be working with Mike Gillis to create a video for local Dover Channel 22.

Mr. Holt voiced that we take notice of students' mental health and keep in mind that many are or will be missing out on major milestones in life, particularly high school seniors.

Dr. Harbron provided information from the Attorney General's office and Governor Sununu, which allows new guidelines for Board meetings; stating members do not need to be physically present at the meeting, members may call in.

HOURLY PAY CONTINUATION

Dr. Harbron requested the Board continue to pay hourly employees.

Carolyn Mebert moved, Zak Koehler seconded to approve to pay hourly employees as they would normally be compensated. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

CONTRACTED SERVICES PAY CONTINUATION

Dr. Harbron requested the Board continue to pay contracted services.

He also requested the Board approve a contract for new Business Administrator Michael Limanni to begin contracted services until his official start date of March 30, free of charge.

Carolyn Mebert moved, Zachary Koehler seconded to approve the contract for Michael Limanni. **A roll call VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Harbron discussed the FY21 budget. He provided the Leadership Team met and came up with approximately \$750,000 in staffing reductions, with additional reductions of \$250,000 depending on the replacement of FY20 retirements.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Carolyn Mebert moved, Keith Holt seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:00 PM. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**