



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

DOVER SCHOOL BOARD – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Meeting Notice
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, Room 305
Meeting Date:	Monday, August 31, 2020
Meeting Time:	5:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Amanda Russell called a meeting of the Dover School Board to order on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Amanda Russell, Keith Holt, Kathy Morrison, Carolyn Mebert, Zachary Koehler, Jessica Rozzo and Rachel Burdin.

Also present were: Superintendent Bill Harbron, Business Administrator Michael Limanni, Assistant Superintendents Paula Glynn and Christine Boston, Technology Director Christy Prosser, and District Administrators Patrick Boodey, Beth Dunton, Patty Driscoll, Kim Lyndes, Peter Driscoll, Peter Wotton, Samantha Tukey, also members of the Medical Advisory Council Dr. Skip Small and Dr. Megan Harvey.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Zachary Koehler led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. CITIZENS FORUM:

Whitney Carrier, 61 Toftree Lane – In support of fall sports.
Rachel Vitko, 186 Back Road – In support of fall sports.
Keira Little, 169 Ham Road – In support of fall sports.

E. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING (Approval for accepting and expending \$10,000 in Nellie Mae Education Foundation Grant Funds):

Zachary Koehler moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to accept the grant funds of \$10,000. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

F. FALL ATHLETIC SEASON:

Mr. Wotton discussed the expectations of student athletes and the risks that come with the different programs of athletics.

Mr. Koehler is in support of Option 3, which includes high school Varsity interscholastic regional whenever possible, middle school JV unified practicing and intermural.

Keith Holt moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve option 3 for the Fall Athletic Season.

Dr. Mebert voiced her concern over traveling to other Districts.

Keith Holt moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to amend the motion to only play surrounding towns.

Mr. Driscoll asked if the Marching Band and Spirit could be included in tonight's motion. Dr. Harbron noted he will request the Medical Advisory Council to discuss the health risks associated with allowing marching band to move forward.



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Keith Holt moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to rescind the previous motion and moves to approve the fall athletic season using Option 3. **An oral VOTE PASSED 6/1.**

G. ATHLETIC PROTOCOLS:

Dr. Harbron asked that the Board approve the Athletic Protocols.

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve the Athletic Protocols.

Mr. Koehler inquired if athletes could be tested and produce a negative COVID-19 test prior to travelling to other Districts to compete. Mr. Wotton discussed the difficulty of that with competitions beginning next week.

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to amend the motion to reflect adding additional bullets under item number three of the protocols, to include providing a negative test prior to the start of the season, as well as when you feel you have come into contact with someone who may be infected.

Keith Holt moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to rescind the previous motion and moves to reevaluate the inclusion of testing at next weeks meeting. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

H. REVIEW OF THE CURRENT COVID-19 METRIC:

Dr. Megan Harvey provided an update on the COVID-19 Metric.

I. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF REOPENING SCHOOLS:

District administrators provided an overview of the reopening of schools.

J. UPDATE ON PRIORITY SERVICES:

Dr. Boston provided an update on Priority Services. Finalizing transportation plans currently to minimize the amount of time students are together on a bus.

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve Phase 1 of the Priority Services. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

K. WAIVER REQUEST, POLICY IIBC-COURSES REQUIRE MINIMUM ENROLLMENT:

Dr. Boston provided an update on Priority Services.

Keith Holt moved; Carolyn Mebert seconded to approve the waiver request. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

L. NEW TEACHER NOMINATION:

Dr. Harbron requested the Board to also approve a resignation that was submitted.



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Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded to approve the new teacher nomination as well as the resignation submitted, but as a retirement. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**

M. MATTERS OF INTEREST

Mr. Holt requests that parents involve themselves in the academic discussions as much as they have involved themselves in the support of athletics.

Dr. Mebert announced a partnership between Genuity Networks in Dover for internet access with the Whittier Falls.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

Carolyn Mebert moved; Zachary Koehler seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:42 PM. **An oral VOTE PASSED 7/0.**