Dover School Committee  
Meeting of January 21, 2020

Members Present:  Henry Spalding, Chair  
Brooke Matarese, Secretary  
Mark Healey  
Leslie Leon

Also Present:  Beth McCoy, Assistant Superintendent  
Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

1) Call to Order
Mr. Spalding called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Chickering library. He spoke of the passing of Edward Liu, a student at Chickering, and asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Reports
   a) Principal’s Report - Dr. Reinemann highlighted items from her report and answered questions from Committee members.
   a) Warrant Report - provided for review

4) 2019 Academic Testing - The data relative to the Spring 2019 MCAS exams was provided and discussed.

5) FY20 Monthly Financial Report as of January 16, 2020
   - Salaries - post-budget staffing changes have resulted in a projected positive salary variances of approximately $100,000. There are unutilized funds for educational assistants of approximately $15,000 based on summer needs and unfilled positions year to date.
   - Operating Expenditures - there are no variances to report to date. Projections have been encumbered for transportation, building maintenance contracts, and most utilities.
   - Out-of-District (OOD) Expenditures - tuition encumbrances are reflected for the current cohort of OOD placements. Additional placement costs of $90,000 have been encumbered increasing the overall negative variance in OOD costs to approximately $214,000.

6) Discussion of Proposed FY21 Operating Budget - since the initial presentation last month the proposed budget has been adjusted to reflect: 1) savings from know retirements to date (-$35,000), 2) an increase for a new .5 FTE Math Specialist ($25,000), and 3) increase to ACCEPT transportation costs due to approved matrix costs ($25,000). Overall, there is a net increase to the proposed budget of $15,000. The FY21 Budget request of $10,274,026 is a reduction of $163,663 from FY20.
   The FY21 Enrollment analysis was provided. The Administration is not proposing any changes to the number of classroom sections at this time. A Summary of Staffing and Anticipated Grants were also included to facilitate the overall budget review process.

7) Consent Agenda
   a) Meeting minutes of November 19, 2019
   b) Town Report
   c) Donation - $500 from Michael Sassine of Dover Gas, LLC and a set of drums from a former Chickering family.

Leslie Leon made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mark Healey seconded.
20-01VOTE: 4 - 0

9) Communications
   a) Regional School Committee minutes of November 5 and December 10, 2019
b) Sherborn School Committee minutes of November 12, 2019
10) Items for March 5, 2020 meeting - FY21 Budget Hearing
11) Adjournment to Executive Session, not to return to Open Session, for discussion of personnel and approval of minutes at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis