

APPROVED MAY 18, 2020

Dover School Committee
Meeting of April 28, 2020

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

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

1) Call to Order

Mr. Spalding called the virtual meeting to order at 8:17 pm and read the following into the record:

Good evening. This Open Meeting of the Dover School Committee is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

In order to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

For this meeting, the Dover School Committee is convening via Zoom App, as posted. Information on how to join our School Committee mtgs and mtg agendas were posted on the Dover Sherborn District Website and on the town calendars.

Please note that this meeting is being recorded, and that some attendees are participating by video conference. Accordingly, please be aware that others may be able to see you, so please take care not to "screen share" your computer. Anything you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

Community comments are an opportunity for members of the community to be heard. We respectfully request that you please make your comments brief (2-3 minutes) and that you move the discussion forward by adding new information. Please try to avoid repeating points that have already been made.

Community comments are an opportunity for us to listen to members of the community. It is not a forum for answering questions or engaging in a debate. Once the public comment section of the meeting has been concluded, we will move on to other business and unsolicited comments from the community will no longer be permitted. This is standard operating procedure in school committee meetings across our 3 school districts.

We invite everyone to stay and listen to the rest of the meeting, but understand that is not possible for everyone. Please feel free to leave the Zoom call as best suits your needs. We appreciate that you have taken the time to participate and encourage you to reach out to your school committee reps at any time.

Before we turn to the first item on the agenda, permit me to cover some ground rules for effective and clear conduct of our business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes:

As chair, I will introduce each item on the agenda. After the person presenting said item is finished, the Chair will proceed to take questions from the school committee members.

Please indicate you would like to speak by virtually raising your hand. Please wait until your name is called.

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Finally:

Please remember to mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking.

Please remember to speak clearly and in a way that helps generate accurate minutes.

Please wait for the Chair to recognize you and please remember to state your name before speaking.

All votes will be conducted by roll call vote. When voting begins, please unmute yourself as a group so we can move quickly. When the chair calls on you, please state your name and your vote. At the conclusion of voting please go back on mute.

- 2) **Community Comments** - Ameer Tejani asked for thoughts on what to expect for school in the fall and an update on the reduction in force proposed at the last school committee meeting. Mr. Spalding responded that the district will be following the recommendations of the Secretary of Education and that staffing changes will be dependent on enrollment numbers which are being closely watched.
- 3) **Personnel Update** - Dr. Keough recommended the appointment of Deborah Reinemann as Interim Principal for the next school year. The search process was halted due to the pandemic and internal candidates who would be willing/able to serve on an interim basis were approached. As a result, the Assistant Principal position also needs to be filled. Dr. Keough recommended the appointment of James Carnes as Interim Assistant Principal.

Rachel Spellman made a motion to accept Dr. Keough's recommendation to appoint Deborah Reinemann as Interim Principal and James Carnes as Interim Assistant Principal for the 2020-21 School Year. Mark Healey seconded.

20-05 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

- 4) **Adjournment at 8:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis