

1. Call to Order – Ms. Cohen, Chair

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cohen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of transportation invoices.

Dail Invoice CHS Orientation \$4,316.88

Dail Invoice DCS Summer \$3,957.14 Paid for by ESSER Grant

A motion was made by Zach Langlois, seconded by Nate Oxnard to pay the CHS invoice.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

3. Community Presentation Regarding High School Proposed Options

Chair Cohen explained the process of negotiations with high schools.

Ellen O'Donnell and Danielle Palmer are the negotiating designees of the board.

There have been lots of discussions and a lot has been considered and this is the result of all the information.

Ellen O'Donnell presented tuition information via a slide show. The 24-25 tuition costs presented were estimated based on this year's current eighth grade numbers.

Kendra Cohen went over the tuition projections for the next 3 years.

Written questions will be accepted by the board until 8/23/23.

All emails will be shared with the full board.

The goal is to present a decision by 8/30/23.

Nate Oxnard thanked Ellen and Danielle for their hard work.

4. Public Comments

Linda McNair-Perry said there was no mention of a warrant article.

Kendra responded that the board can make an agreement for 3 years and under. They will do this for the current eighth grade class and eventually there will be a warrant article for moving forward.

Kim Black thanked the board for their work. She is disappointed only CHS negotiated the tuition rates. Scholarships to help students attend other schools would be nice.

Leah McHugh said 60% of students want to attend Coe-Brown so CHS can't get 70%. She said the board needs to look at Dover which has the same offerings as Concord.

Greg Whitmore asked to review the second slide with tuition costs. The total 4 year increase with 60% of students attending Coe-Brown would be \$460,000.00. How will it be decided which 30% of students get to go to Coe-Brown when 60% want to go? Why can't we do MOUs with all 3 schools for next year? The board said that is Option B.

Bobby-Ann Dostie thanked the board for their work. She is optimistic. The board presented information the community was looking for. She feels top-offs should be with Option B. Top-offs with Option A keeps 70% of students at CHS. Some form of choice is needed. She is in favor of Option B.

Kendra Cohen explained how top-off agreements would work.

Nancy Shute asked how an increase of \$5000,000.00 affect the tax rate? She said a lot of people don't realize taxes will be increased. Is the capital fee gone from CHS? Yes, it is now part of the tuition. cost. What are the legal issues for offering scholarships? How would it be decided who gets one?

Erroll Rhodes suggested it might be helpful for folks to have a calculator to help determine dollar costs and how taxes are affected.

Zach Langlois explained how the selectmen determine the tax rate.

Jim Deeley said with Option B the 4-year change would be \$8000,000.00. He asked about the CRTC and do parents have to pay? No. Pembroke can only send students to CRTC if there is room. transportation is not included, how would that increase costs?

Christine Grega asked if CHS will only negotiate with 70% going there? Is CRTC included with 70%? Yes.

Ed Cross asked if the board could vote in a 3year or less contract without a warrant article? Yes. Are they going to mandate 70% to CHS? With Option A they will be paying for 70%. Pembroke would balance out the tuition between CHS and Coe-Brown as it costs less. Would the board be open to private schools with top-offs?

Kendra responded that community members have said they don't want their money going to private schools.

Ed Cross said perhaps have warrant article to include private schools that may cost less, perhaps do a survey.

Amy Porier thanked the board for their work. She asked if the existing contract with CHS has only 1 year left? Yes. Can current students finish out and graduate? Yes. 70% is the sticking point. She said it should be put on CHS to make our students want to go there. What can they offer to keep 70% of the students? She is a teacher at Dover High School and feels Dover should be considered. No % required to attend.

Jackie Trimmer said Coe-Brown has room to take our students incrementally. 3 years out will they be able to take everyone who wants to go there? Yes, as long as all current students at CHS don't transfer. She asked about special education.

Kendra stated special education services are not included in costs presented. Deerfield is required to cover all special education services as well as transportation to all schools if in a student's IEP.

Zach Langlois said by keeping the schools contained in a smaller area it will help with transportation costs.

Jackie Trimmer thanked the board for their work.

Bobby-Ann Dostie asked for clarification that special education students can already go to other schools if their IEP says another school will meet their needs better?

Supt. Sherman responded that our high school can usually meet a student's needs and so they don't really get to go anywhere they want.

Greg Whitmore asked if one high school bus could go to Coe-Brown, and one go to Pembroke and continue on to Concord?

Kendra responded that we would probably continue the bus to Concord as they would have the majority of students attending.

Greg said, but buses could be shifted in future years.

Christine Grega said it would be a long bus ride from Pembroke to CHS. She asked the tuition rate for Coe-Brown.

Charlie Shaw is new to Deerfield and asked if any other small towns with the same high school issue have been approached to work together to negotiate with CHS? Not recently.

Jim Deeley thanked the board for their work. He is interested in school choice. He knows budgeting is being planned. Will the default budget cover increased costs of going to different schools?

Kendra responded this year's eighth grade will have to choose a school.

Zach Langlois said we must pay for high school. If the budget is decreased that will affect the operating budget for DCS.

Kim Black said she would pour every dime into a child over infrastructure. There is so much more to education than a building. The outdoor classrooms show that. Invest in students and they will come back to the community and support the community that supported them.

Linda McNair Perry thanked the board for their work.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Zach Langlois, seconded by Ellen O'Donnell to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Next Scheduled Deerfield School Board Meeting: August 30, 2023 ~ 6:00 P.M. Deerfield Community School



gladu, ashley <agladu@sau53.org>

Fwd: Deerfield demands highschool options

sherman, patty <psherman@sau53.org>
To: "gladu, ashley" <agladu@sau53.org>

Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 4:24 PM

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From: **oljeyfam** <oljeyfam@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 4:22 PM

Subject: Deerfield demands highschool options

To: Kendra Cohen <kcohen@sau53.org>, patty sherman <psherman@sau53.org>, Danielle Palmer <dpalmer@sau53.org>, z langlois <zlanglois@sau53.org>, nathan Oxnard <noxnard@sau53.org>, Ellen O'donnell <eodonnell@sau53.org>

The whole we want to hear from you is getting old! You heard from the town multiple times and we said loud and clear "we want highschool options". The ballot in March and the survey sent said exactly that. Your job is to make it happen, not serve your own personal selfish desires. You all seem to think if you keep asking, it will change! DEERFIELD DEMANDS HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS AND IT IS TIME YOU DELIVER!

MELISSA OLJEY
MOUNTAIN RD

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Fwd: High School Choice

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 To: "gladu, ashley" <agladu@sau53.org>

Mon, Aug 14, 2023 at 8:20 AM

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From: **Cohen, Kendra** <kcohen@sau53.org>
 Date: Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 4:05 PM
 Subject: Fwd: High School Choice
 To: patty sherman <psherman@sau53.org>

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From: **Nicole Gallentine** <ngallentine24@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 3:10 PM
 Subject: High School Choice
 To: kcohen@sau53.org <kcohen@sau53.org>, eodonnell@sau53.org <eodonnell@sau53.org>, <noxnard@sau53.org>, <zlanglois@sau53.org>, dpalmer@sau53.org <dpalmer@sau53.org>

Dear Members of the DCS School Board,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding CHS as an only option for our students. Unfortunately, my family and I are unable to attend Wednesday meetings due to our schedules but I listen to the recorded meetings as soon as they are posted.

Survey after survey has shown the board members that the town wants school choice. While I believe it is imperative that our students have a HS to attend, it's also feasible to have contracts with multiple high schools. I will be extremely disappointed if the school board decides to present the town with a single short term CHS contract.

I've heard concerns expressed about transportation and lack of special educators with Coe-Brown, however, you are failing to tell the community members that we are already providing transportation for students to attend Coe-Brown. We are already paying for special educators including PT and OT. And while these numbers will go up if we have more students needing these services, you are not being transparent. Members of our community do not know that we are already funding these services at Coe-Brown.

Please do what the community is asking and provide multiple high school options for our students.

Thank you,
 Nicole Gallentine

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PROFICIENCY OF 11TH GRADERS AT CHS AND COE BROWN:

2021-2022 PROFICIENCY LEVELS - 11TH GRADE				
	DISTANCE FROM DEERFIELD	ENGLISH / LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	MATH PROFICIENCY	SCIENCE PROFICIENCY
COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY <i>Northwood NH</i>	18 mins	81%	60%	67%
CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL <i>Concord NH</i>	30 mins	52%	26%	29%

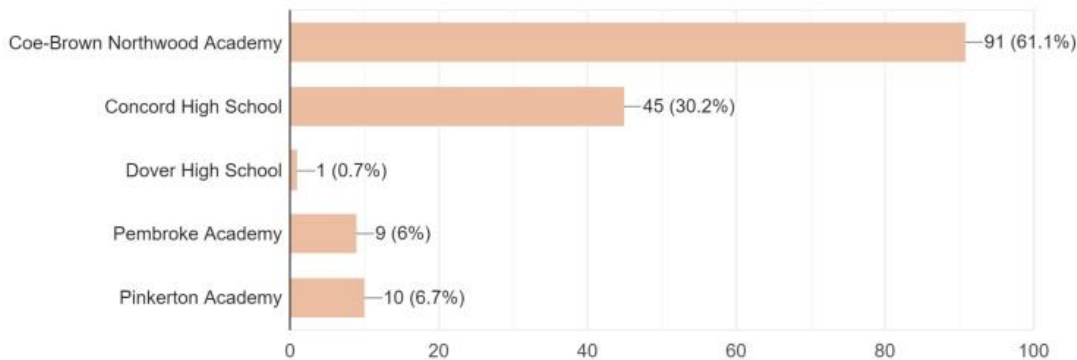
DATA SOURCE: 2021-2022 NH DEPT OF EDUCATION ASSESSMENT DATA, 11TH GRADE

<https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-and-analytic-resources/bureau-of-education-statistics/assessment-data>

SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY RESULTS (2023) OF 5TH-8TH GRADE PARENTS AS TO PREFERRED HIGH SCHOOL:

4. If you had to select a high school for your student today, given that busing will likely only be provided to Concord High School, which of these high schools would be your first choice?

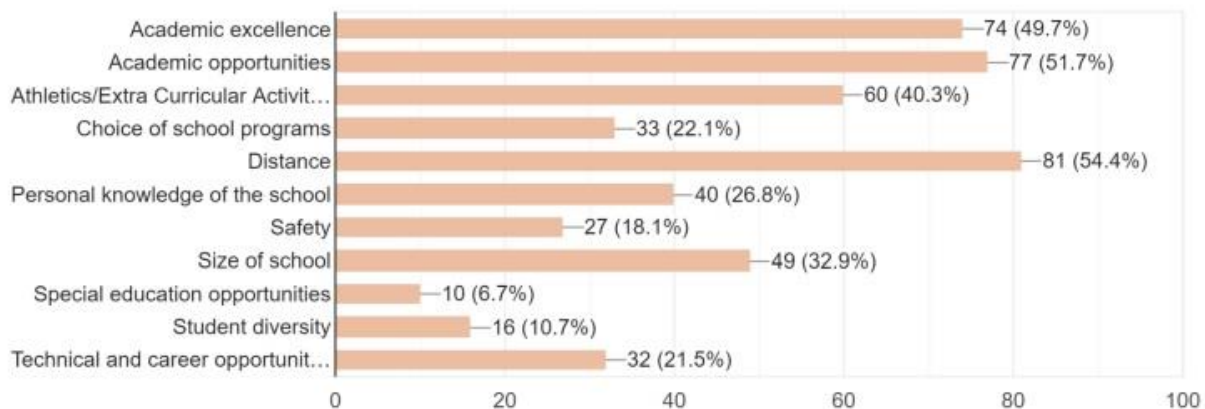
149 responses



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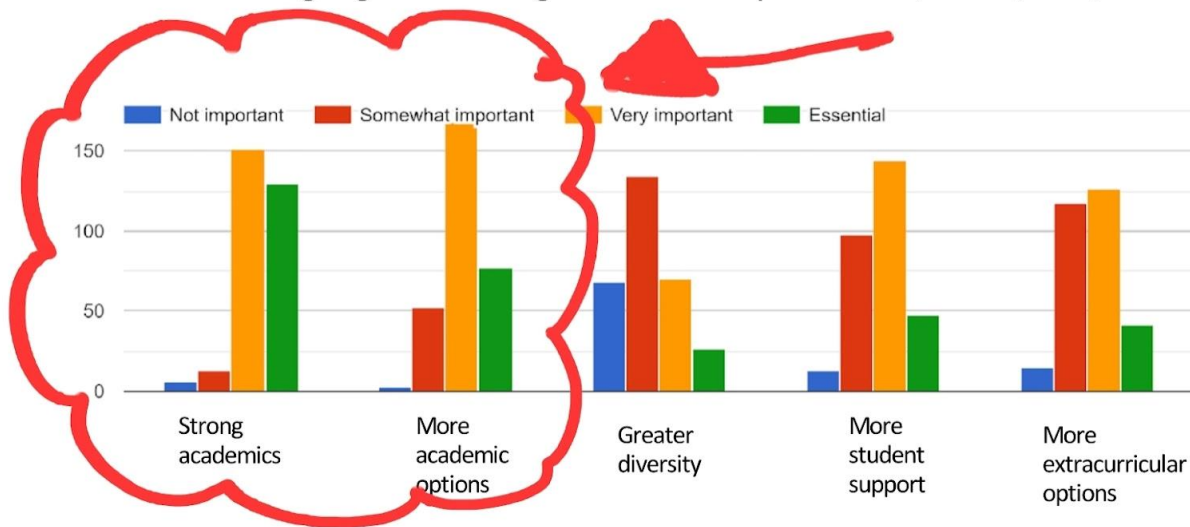
6. What are your reasons for choosing this school? Please check up to 3 that apply

149 responses



SURVEY (2021) DONE BY DEERFIELD SCHOOL BOARD (2021 HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY)

How important do you think each of the following will be to you or your student in making high school a good or bad experience? (~300 responses)



PLEDGE BY NATE OXNARD IN FEB 2022 TO BRING SCHOOL CHOICE TO DEERFIELD:

TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS:

Tuesday, March 14, Town Hall at 10 Church Street, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION at 9:00 am on February 4 at the Town Hall

SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION at 9:00 am on February 11 at the Community School

Nate Oxnard - Deerfield School Board (Three Years)

Start Date: February 11, 2022 Issue Date: February 12, 2022

I have served on the School Board for two terms and am running for a third. A science teacher at a nearby high school, I have lived in Deerfield for 15 years with my wife and have two children in the school system: one at DCS and one at CHS.

The COVID pandemic has made education over these last couple of years unlike anything we've seen before. As a District we decided at an early point to take a cautious approach to the virus with the goal of helping slow its spread through our community. Due to the limited space at DCS and limited ability to maintain significant distances between students and faculty, we have required masks as an additional mitigating tool. With these and other precautions, we have been able to provide in-person education to our students all year without having to go remote, a priority which we have successfully met.



I have several goals, providing I am re-elected. (1) Our students have been impacted by the pandemic in a number of ways, and I will work to support our school's continued efforts to help students make up for lost learning and growth. (2) Our contract with Concord School District is ending in the next few years, and I will continue to work to negotiate a new arrangement that provides for school choice without a significant tax increase - a priority identified by the Board's High School Study Committee. (3) I am excited to picture an expanded DCS that provides new learning opportunities such as Technology Education and Consumer Science; however, if the bond fails with the voters in March, then I will work to propose a smaller project that will cost less and still improve educational opportunities in Deerfield.



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Fwd: Comment for tonight's board meeting

sherman, patty <psherman@sau53.org>
To: "gladu, ashley" <agladu@sau53.org>

Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 4:29 PM

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From: **Cohen, Kendra** <kcohen@sau53.org>
Date: Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 4:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: Comment for tonight's board meeting
To: Danielle Palmer <dpalmer@sau53.org>, Ellen O'donnell <eodonnell@sau53.org>, nathan Oxnard <noxnard@sau53.org>, patty sherman <psherman@sau53.org>, z langlois <zlanglois@sau53.org>

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From: **Robert Prieto** <prietowec@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 4:25 PM
Subject: Comment for tonight's board meeting
To: kcohen@sau53.org <kcohen@sau53.org>

Dear Deerfield School Board,

I was hoping to attend this evening's meeting to read this during the comments period, However, I cannot make the meeting due to a work commitment, so I am submitting my comments in written form (below), as I would have read them aloud had I been present.

Thank you,
Robert Prieto
112 South Rd, Deerfield

My comments:

I ask the Board to continue to take into account the quieter voices of those who might not be comfortable appearing in front of their community to say that, though they might support the IDEA of choice, they are at the same time concerned that their finances might not be able to support the REALITY of choice, if that reality includes property tax increases.

I also ask the Board to continue to take into account other quieter voices of people who might feel that there is choice. There has always been choice. Right now, choice looks like moving to a community that has the schools people want their children to attend. It looks like enrolling children in private schools at family expense. It looks like homeschooling at family expense. In New Hampshire, there are Education Freedom Accounts, even, to help with cost for those who meet income requirements. What there is NOT right now is choice for some families, paid in full by the tax dollars of all the other families, individuals, elderly folks, childless couples, and other taxpayers in town.

Most people would agree that children should have the opportunity to receive an education that best fits their individual needs. However, at the same time, costs need to be reasonable enough that we do not price our fellow residents out of town due to tax increases.

I do not envy the position of the Board, of needing to balance all of this. But I did want to come here tonight to share some views that are more often perhaps whispered than shouted. Thank you for listening.

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Patty Sherman
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8/17/23, 8:07 AM

School Administrative Unit 53 Mail - Fwd: Comment for tonight's board meeting

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Fwd: Letter to the Deerfield School Board Regarding High School Options

sherman, patty <psherman@sau53.org>
 To: "gladu, ashley" <agladu@sau53.org>

Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 8:11 AM

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From: **Cohen, Kendra** <kcohen@sau53.org>
 Date: Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 10:31 PM
 Subject: Fwd: Letter to the Deerfield School Board Regarding High School Options
 To: patty sherman <psherman@sau53.org>

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From: **Stacey Marchionni** <stacey190@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 10:29 PM
 Subject: Letter to the Deerfield School Board Regarding High School Options
 To: Cohen, Kendra <kcohen@sau53.org>, Oxnard, nathan <noxnard@sau53.org>, <eodonnell@sau53.org>, <dpalmer@sau53.org>, langlois, z <zlanglois@sau53.org>

To The Deerfield NH School Board:

I am writing to again express our family's strong support for high school choice for the Town of Deerfield, which choice must include Coe Brown Northwood Academy. This is what we would like to see:

- Tuition Agreements with Coe Brown and Concord at a minimum, and preferably also Pembroke Academy
- No Lottery
- Top Off Agreement with Coe Brown allowing for the cost of CHS to follow students to Coe Brown, with parents paying the additional amount (saves taxpayers money)
- No long term contracts (10+ yrs) with any school
- Bus service to 1 school only, that school being the one with the most students ... parents to provide transportation to any other school
- Tuition Agreements with Trinity, Pinkerton and Dover should also be considered ... the more school choices we offer, the more it is likely that students are able to attend the school of their choice should any of these schools cap the number of students they can take from Deerfield.

We are aware that the Town may be required to provide bussing for those students in special education whose IEP's require it. The Town may thereby incur additional costs associated with offering high school choice if these students spread out to different schools and multiple busses have to be run. However, Deerfield is already bussing some students to Coe Brown under these circumstances, so this is not a new or unexpected cost to the Town, but is currently being incurred.

Top off agreements are not inequitable. They are favorable to the taxpayer. They are prudent, legal and fiscally responsible. They are in use by many towns in the State of New Hampshire with great success.

The Town, including parents, have stated in multiple surveys and votes that they want high school choice and that Coe Brown is their preferred school over any other, even if bussing is not provided. Your most recent study of parents of 5th-8th graders confirmed this, yet again. Please listen ... allow Coe Brown, the best and closest high school to Deerfield, to be an option for our students. Do not force all students into one high school that may or may not be the best school for them.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and for your work on the School Board. I hope that you will vote in high school choice for our students and follow through on the commitments you all made when campaigning for school board.

Very truly yours,

Stacey & Mark Marchionni
[53 Meetinghouse Hill Rd, Deerfield NH 03037](#)
(Deerfield residents since 2013)

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ATTACHMENT TO LETTER TO SCHOOL BOARD FROM STACEY 8-15-23.pdf

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Fwd: Please read the entire piece

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Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 9:05 AM

To: "gladu, ashley" <agladu@sau53.org>

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From: **Kevin Verville** <kgverville@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 8:33 AM

Subject: Please read the entire piece

To: Kendra Cohen <kcohen@sau53.org>, Ellen O'donnell <eodonnell@sau53.org>, dpalmer@sau53.org <dpalmer@sau53.org>, Nathan Oxnard <noxnard@sau53.org>, zlanglois@sau53.org <zlanglois@sau53.org>

Madam chair, and members of the board:

Allow me lead with my chin...If the Deerfield school board spent half as much time listening to their constituents as they do lecturing their constituents during school board meetings it would ease the current tensions between the board and their constituents. If you want praise, you have to earn it. We are not here to be your cheerleaders as you serve out your terms unless you give us things to cheer for!

Being lectured by ranking members, the chair of the school board and the longest serving member, is insulting. The chair is new to the roll, so I expect that she will learn from her mistakes and do better in the future. As for the other member, when we gaze back on the previous eight years we do not see a lot of accomplishments. I started tracking Deerfield public affairs when my family and I moved to town in 2009. In the years prior to Mr. Langlois getting elected to the Deerfield school board four of seven proposed school district budgets were passed by the voters, almost 60%, and in that time four of the most recent five passed, or 80%! Then came the 'new' board. Of the school district budgets that Mr. Langlois had input to, only three of eight passed, or one third! Only one in the previous five proposed budgets passed, and the one was five years ago! In the three years that Mr. Langlois served as the titular head of school board no proposed budget was passed, NONE! As for fiscal leadership, Messrs. Langlois and Oxnard can claim none! My recommendation to the new members of the board is to not listen to either of those members on budgeting issues as their track record is one of abject failure.

The letter crafted by the chair to the Deerfield select board relative to working with the Deerfield municipal budget committee was essentially 100% wrong on every point except the advice to the select board to refrain from judgement until after our forum with the New Hampshire Municipal Association. We learned that the points laid out in that letter are incorrect during that very forum. I would suggest that the Deerfield school board has gotten off on the wrong foot with regards to budgeting before you even began. Hopefully we will see a change of tack from the school board in the very near future.

It was interesting to hear that our 'building experts' have indicated continued year on year increases in building costs of 6%. Mr. Langlois, and those same experts told us that the inflation during the time of the first building proposal was transient, and not likely to negatively impact the projected costs of the projects. Once again, they got it wrong. Then when we consider the fact that the building expansion proposal could not even garner the support of one in five voters it becomes very clear that taking the advice of the longest serving members with respect to dealing with space needs issues is a mistake. Another proven track record of failure.

Being lectured by longest serving members on school choice, and high school options is also laughable on its face given the failure of their all in on CHS at the ballot box. They got that completely wrong too!

Well that is a lot of negatives for almost a decade of service, and we haven't had to dig very deep to generate the list. So what about accomplishments? The one crowning achievement of Messrs. Langlois and Oxnard after almost a decade of being on the school board was to construct a two story building the size of the average home in Deerfield and call it a storage shed! Unfortunately, this project was largely panned by citizens, if not outright lampooned in the public square. In fact, it is still used as the primary example of how feckless the previous school board was. And the hits just keep coming! Now we learn that there are run-off / drainage issues with facility that will require more money to be expended. One would have expected that these issues would have been identified during the planning process for the construction of the facility, but because the project was quietly rushed through...well, you get the idea.

Now, too their credit, they did produce unprecedented school district fund balances over the course of their tenure. They point to this fact as their bona fides as fiscal hawks, always looking out for the taxpayer. Many of us wonder why they chose not to invest monies approved by the voters into our children's' education, or facility maintenance. In fact, this point came to such a head that voters forced the Deerfield school board to invest 100% of the district's fund balance into facility maintenance! For the record that was ~\$866,000!

For the record, the average fund balance while Mr. Langlois was chair was a whopping \$824,000! The average over his term has been \$770,000. The average fund balance from 2009 until Mr. Langlois joined the board was \$398,000. That is a doubling of the average fund balance! Monies that could have been invested in our children's education, and / or facilities maintenance. That is a lot of lost opportunities!

And you wonder why we are skeptical.

Further, to lecture us that we are not incorporating data that we do not have access to, and that you have not made public is quite disingenuous. I have been begging for years for other sources of quantitative data so that I may paint a broader picture. Give us the data. I was quite disappointed when a former public school science teacher spewed out data set averages as supporting evidence of a point. The average tells us almost nothing. What does the data set, the data distribution, look like? How many different bell curves can I draw that all have the same average?! Is the data skewed high, or low, or is it a normal bell curve? Is the data set bimodal? Do NOT misinterpret my point here! I fully support the use of quantitative data in analysis, BUT that data needs to be present in a more thorough context than just looking at averages. Further, while the absolute values were given, and those numbers appear to be close to one another, without knowing what the standard deviation of the data set one cannot know if those numbers represent similar performance, or performance levels that are quite different. I for one expect better than what we were given last night! Maybe I expect too much, but I suspect not.

So when you paraphrase my statements, based on rushed three minute comments on heady topics to imply that I have not given matters thorough and due consideration, you are mischaracterizing me, and many others of our community, and we find it to be quite insulting. Perhaps I have shed a fresh light on why some of us are, as of yet, not impressed with the performance of our school board. This community has a breadth and depth of knowledge and skills left largely untapped because our boards and committees act more like lords than servants. That is an unfortunate fact. Perhaps someday that will change. I, for one, sincerely hope it does!

Respectfully,
Kevin Verville
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8/3/23, 9:09 AM

School Administrative Unit 53 Mail - Fwd: Please read the entire piece

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Fwd: Thank you for your service!

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Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 10:18 AM

To: "gladu, ashley" <agladu@sau53.org>

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From: **Cohen, Kendra** <kcohen@sau53.org>

Date: Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 9:46 AM

Subject: Fwd: Thank you for your service!

To: patty sherman <psherman@sau53.org>

Please add to "Correspondence" for 9/6 meeting.

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From: **Marie Brinson** <thebrinsonclan@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 4:50 PM

Subject: Thank you for your service!

To: <kcohen@sau53.org>

Hi!

I wanted to thank you for being on this board. I commend you for your perseverance in securing of a new highschool contract. I didn't vote for choice, but understand that was the vote. I've been in Deerfield for 35 years and have witnessed the boards work through choice that was difficult for students and parents, then rejoicing when Concord could take all of our students (CBNA wanted us to build a building) , then getting bussing for these students, then having the town pay for the busses. It seemed we finally had a great situation for students and parents. I thank you for all the hard work you are all putting in , in spite of the very loud critics. Please , keep up your good work.

Thank you again,
Marie Brinson
[12 Range Rd](#)

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