

DEERFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL – LIBRARY - 66 NORTH ROAD
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

Members/Participants: Kendra Cohen; Chair, Ellen O'Donnell, Zach Langlois, Danielle Palmer, Nate Oxnard (6:05pm), Supt. Patty Sherman, Principal Kristen Withee, Asst. Principal Brian Grieve, Recording Secretary Trish Lafond

1. Call to Order – Ms. Cohen, Chair
Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Cohen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes – August 2, 2023, September 6, 2023 & September 20, 2023
A motion was made by Zach Langlois, seconded by Ellen O'Donnell to move the minutes of August 2, 2023 as written.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Zach Langlois, seconded by Danielle Palmer to move the minutes of September 6, 2023 as written.

**3-0-1
MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Zach Langlois, seconded by Danielle Palmer to move the minutes of September 20, 2023 as written.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

4. Immediate Business
 - A. Public Comments
Greg Whitmore said the town expects officials to act on the vote without delay. Where are the 8th graders going next year? There has been progress. He heard Pembroke Academy is coming to DCS? Why didn't this happen earlier? What about Coe-Brown and Dover? Where do we stand on Halloween costumes? Gaga Ball is very popular. What about building a second pit?
 - B. Agenda Review – Ms. Cohen
Chair Cohen added an MBC report under Board reports.
Nonpublic session was added using k.
 - C. CHS Student Success Report – Principal Herbert
Principal Hebert gave the board a handout. He said Deerfield students at Concord High School are doing very well. Many go on to multiyear colleges. CHS is slowly increasing the number of credits required to graduate. He discussed SAT scores. CHS tries to get as many students as possible to participate and not opt out. Some scores are lower due to the diversity pathways. Deerfield students are well represented in AP classes as well as the CRTC program. Zach Langlois asked for student accountability if they aren't at CHS after leaving DCS. Where are they? Math scores are low, but they are working on raising them. All math teachers have the same planning time. DCS has not offered World Languages for 3 years. Students enter level 1. DCS students at CHS are also well represented in extra-curricular activities and sports.
 - D. Consent Agenda (0 item)
 - E. Facility Updates
Roof-will be completed Friday.
Fire Alarm-elevator recall will be installed 10/19/23.
 - F. Snow Plowing Bids
Bids were received from 3 contractors.
Chris Koufos would like to go with East Coast Signals for 3 years. They bid (including salting):
\$19,500 for the first year and second years.
\$20,000 for year 3.

A motion was made by Zach Langlois, seconded by Nate Oxnard to accept the bid of the 3-year contract with East Coast Signals.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Chris Koufos met with Wes Golomb about solar. He would like to put out an RFP to local vendors.

G. Review of Correspondence

Correspondence will be attached to the minutes.

Zach Langlois feels it is a misrepresentation that the board is not listening to the community. It takes time.

Kendra Cohen got an email concerning meeting audio/visual. It has been added to the agenda.

H. High School Updates

There will be no vote this evening. There are drafted tuition agreements with Pembroke Academy. Concord High School and Coe-Brown Academy. Legal is still reviewing All 3 schools will be coming to DCS on 10/16 to meet with 8th grade families.

Principal Withee said this class knows they will have some type of option.

Ellen O'Donnell said they never heard back from Dover High School.

I. Audio/Visual for Board Meetings

Kendra Cohen received correspondence about the poor quality of the board meetings.

Superintendent said they need microphones and suggested reaching out to Tim Griffin for costs. He has worked with the school in the past. May need someone to run the equipment.

Community members have asked why the meetings aren't held at the George B. White building. Zach Langlois said in the past the boards felt it was important to have meetings in the building they represent.

Superintendent Sherman also pointed out they have access to copiers, computers etc. at DCS. It is also convenient for staff.

Chair Cohen sympathizes with viewers and will explore all options.

J. Audit Update

FY21- field work is done for Allenstown, Chichester and Pembroke. Deerfield is being started this week. Missing audits are being added to the website.

K. NHSBA Resolutions

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Kendra Cohen to support proposed resolution #8.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Nate Oxnard made a motion, seconded by Kendra Cohen to support proposed original resolution #9.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Danielle Palmer to support proposed resolution #10.

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MOTION FAILED

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Nate Oxnard to support proposed alternative resolution #11.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Danielle Palmer to support proposed alternative resolution #12.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Kendra Cohen to support proposed resolution #13.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Nate Oxnard to support proposed resolution #14.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Danielle Palmer to support proposed alternative resolution #15.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Danielle Palmer to support proposed resolution #16.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Danielle Palmer to support proposed alternative resolution #17.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Kendra Cohen made a motion, seconded Zach Langlois to support the removal of resolution IX:D.

**0-5
MOTION FAILED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Nate Oxnard to move to consider proposed resolution #19.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Danielle Palmer to move to support the proposed resolution #19.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

L. Finalize 23-24 Goals

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Nate Oxnard to support revised language of Goal 1.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Zach Langlois made a motion, seconded by Nate Oxnard to support Goal 1.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

The board approved all goals as revised.

5. Board Reports

- Executive Board Report – Ms. Cohen
Budget has proposed to full board. Full board meeting next Wednesday. Kendra recommended everyone look at the budget before the meeting in case they have any questions.
Supt. Sherman said the full board meeting needs a quorum. Need members to attend.
- Principal's Report – Ms. Withee
Soccer and cross country are in full swing.
9/13- Jess Bickford trained staff on 504s, Title IX and bullying.
9/15- GR.5 went to Pawtuckaway, staff flu clinic, PTO breakfast cart
9/18- middle school parent meetings-informational
9/21- mentor/mentee meeting. Year 2 mentees will get a stipend.
9/22- GR. 7 to Mt. Major, All School Meeting
9/24- van Berkum nurseries donated plants, GR. 3 are planting
Band & Chorus performed at the fair opening ceremonies. Art teachers set up school building.
10/5- middle school advisories & magnets will go on field trips
10/6- professional development – curriculum committee meetings.
10/9- No School- Columbus/Indigenous People Day

Supt. Sherman stated that Amy Parkinson, Director of curriculum, instruction and assessment loved working with DCS teachers on curriculum. Impressed with DCS staff!

- Curriculum Review Board – Ms. O'Donnell

First meeting is 10/23/23.

6. Policy – Ms. Sherman

- EFAA – Meal Charging 3rd Reading

A motion was made by Nate Oxnard, seconded by Kendra Cohen to move as written.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

- JLCF – Wellness 3rd Reading

A motion was made by Nate Oxnard, seconded by Kendra Cohen to move as written.

**ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED**

- ACN- Nursing Mothers Accommodations 1st Reading
Proceed to second reading.
- EHAB Data Governance 1st Reading
Proceed to second reading.
- GBCD Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check 1st Reading
Proceed to second reading.
- JCA Change of Class of School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship 1st Reading
Proceed to second reading.
- JKAA Use of Restraints and Seclusion 1st Reading
Proceed to second reading.

7. Informational Items

8. Public Comments

9. Non-Public Session - NH RSA 91-A:3, II, - *if needed*

10. Appointments/Resignations – Ms. Sherman

11. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Deerfield School Board Meeting: October 18, 2023 ~ 6:00 P.M. Deerfield Community School