

**DOVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
GRACE STREET
DOVER, NEW JERSEY 07801**

DOVER BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 16, 2017

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT

This meeting, which is hereby called to order, is in compliance with the notice requirements of the law. Public notice was posted in the office of the Board of Education and communicated to the Municipal Clerk, the Daily Record, and the Star Ledger on March 13, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

On the motion of Mr. Scarneo, seconded by Mrs. Mullin, **The Dover Board of Education resolved**, that the Board convenes an Executive Session at 6:30 PM to discuss exempt matters pertaining to:

A matter rendered confidential by federal or state law

A collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it

Be it further resolved, that it is anticipated that Executive Session will be for thirty (30) minutes in duration and that public action may/may not be taken:

Be it further resolved, that the minutes of the Executive Session will be made available upon a determination by the Board that the disclosure of the minutes will not detrimentally affect any right or interest of the Board and the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The motion was approved with a voice vote.

Motion Carried

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Mrs. Mullin, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board recommended adjourning Executive Session at 7:06 PM.

The motion was approved with a voice vote.

Motion Carried

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On the motion of Mrs. Mullin, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board returned to Regular Session at 7:14 PM.

The motion was approved with a voice vote.

Motion Carried

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT

This meeting, which is hereby called to order at 7:14 PM, is in compliance with the notice requirements of the law. Public notice was posted in the office of the Board of Education and communicated to the Municipal Clerk, the Daily Record, and the Star Ledger on March 13, 2017.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Led by cast members from the Dover High School musical, "Hairspray"

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. Susan Shauer, Mrs. Lynn Laurie, Mr. Scott Miller, Mr. Michael Scarneo, Mrs. Linda Mullin, Ms. Jo Ann Dodd, Ms. Karol Ruiz and Mrs. Kim Philips

ABSENT: Ms. Maria Rosario and Mr. Peter Bruseo

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Robert B. Becker, Superintendent
 Ms. Beth Schoonmaker, Assistant Superintendent
 Mrs. Catherine Jenisch, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 John Croot, Esq.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Jennifer Aguirre, Ms. Marcia Ake, Ms. Sheryl Colligan, Ms. Angela Ramos Gama,
 Ms. Dahiana Grisales, Mr. Jhon Grisales, Ms. Tanya Hopson, Ms. Katie Jimenez,
 Ms. Bianca Pabon, Ms. Monica Palestis, Mr. Jhonotan Munoz Reina, Dr. Krista Seanor
 and Ms. Tracey Trongone

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters. To insure a fair and orderly expression of such comment, each statement shall be held to a time period of 3 minutes. Public Comments, limited to items on this agenda, shall be entertained for approximately 30 minutes, upon the discretion of the presiding officer.

Mrs. Shauer opened the meeting to the public.

Receiving no response, Mrs. Shauer closed the meeting to the public.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Scarneo, the Board recommended approval of the Board Meeting minutes listed below:

Regular Session	February 21, 2017
Executive Session	February 21, 2017

The motion was approved with a voice vote.

Motion Carried

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Retirement Celebration

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE REPORT

A1. On the motion of Mrs. Mullin, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board recommended out-of-district placement and transportation for the **2016-2017** school year for the following Special Needs student(s): (Tuition charges subject to adjustment, based on approved **2016-2017** tuition charges to be made available by the State Department of Education.)

ID	School	Cost	Effective Date
49	Daytop New Jersey Academy, Mendham	\$22,200.	2/24/2017
65	Park Lake School – Aide	\$27,440.	12/21/2016

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Mrs. Shauer, Mrs. Laurie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scarneo, Mrs. Mullin, Ms. Dodd,
 Mrs. Philips and Ms. Ruiz

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Rosario and Mr. Bruseo

A2. Termination of placement of the following student:

ID	School	Effective Date
49	Shepard Preparatory High School, Morristown	2/24/2017

B. On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Laurie, the Board recommended Field Trips and Travel authorization approval per the attached lists.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Mrs. Shauer, Mrs. Laurie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scarneo, Mrs. Mullin, Ms. Dodd,
Mrs. Philips and Ms. Ruiz
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Rosario and Mr. Bruseo

VIII. PERSONNEL

- A. On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Scarneo, the Board approved Staff and Extra Services Appointments for the **2016-2017** school year as listed: (New personnel employment appointments are contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks in accordance with N.J.S.A. CH 116, P.L. 1986).

1. ** Recommended accepting the following resignation(s) for retirement purposes:

Employee	Position	School	Effective Date
Jane MacDermant	Aide	ED	June 30, 2017
Walter Medina	Custodian	ASE	March 31, 2017

2. Recommended deducting one (1) day without pay for Michael Montross, Custodian, Dover High School (February 14, 2017).

3. ** Recommended the following teacher(s) for the position of Elementary Yearbook Advisor for the 2016-2017 school year, stipend - \$520:

Jean Fackina	North Dover Elementary School
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4. Recommended employment of Alice Freund, Science Maternity Leave Teacher, East Dover School, effective April 24, 2017 through June 30, 2017, MA Step 2, \$56,325. (pro-rated)

5. ** Recommended employment of the following Aide(s) upon completion of the required paperwork:

Name	School	Effective Date	# of hours	Rate
Jason Kenyon	North Dover	3/8/2017	25	\$19. per hr.

6. Recommended approving the request of Karen Koster, Secretary to the Superintendent, for an intermittent NJ Family Leave of Absence, as needed, beginning March 2, 2017.

7. Recommended approving the request of Faride Hernandez, Guidance Counselor, Dover High School, for a Child Rearing Leave of Absence. This includes a paid sick leave from April 24, 2017 to April 27, 2017 and an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence from April 28, 2017 to the last day of school for the 2016-2017 school year.

8. Recommended approval of the following Home Instructor(s) for the 2016-2017 school year, time sheet, \$32.29 per hour:

Michelle Tempny

9. ** Recommended approval of the following 2016 - 2017 North Dover Elementary School Title I parental involvement facilitators at the contractual hourly rate of \$32.29, timesheet (17-20-235-100-100-04-TS):

Ashley Dercole	Melanie Gambelunghe	Ester Scott
Andrea Eckenrode	Valerie Hemenway	Mary Anne Weber
	Randi Kapp	

10. Recommended employment of the following staff member(s) for the 2016-2017 school year upon completion of the required paperwork:

Name	Position	Salary (pro-rated)
Matthew Zuccaro	Computer Technician	\$43,497.

11. Recommended the following teacher for the position of AP World History Summer Session Facilitator for the 2017-2018 school year:

Cheryl Starr	25 hours	Negotiated Rate
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12. ** Recommended approval of the following 2016–2017 East Dover School (K – 6) Title I Saturday test prep instructors at the contractual hourly rate of \$32.29, timesheet (17-20-235-100-100-02-TS):

Kylie Eisensmith	Kathy Gentile
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Mrs. Laurie inquired about the Summer AP Program. She said that it is nice to have extra time to get prepared for the AP exam.

**** Mine Hill Representative ineligible to vote on this item**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Mrs. Shauer, Mrs. Laurie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scarneo, Mrs. Mullin, Ms. Dodd, Mrs. Philips and Ms. Ruiz
 Nays: None
 Absent: Ms. Rosario and Mr. Bruseo

IX. CURRICULUM AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- A. On the motion of Mrs. Mullin, seconded by Mrs. Laurie, the Board recommended approval of the Preschool Plan for 2017-2018 as submitted by Mrs. Kathryn Rutan, Principal of North Dover Elementary School.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Mrs. Shauer, Mrs. Laurie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scarneo, Mrs. Mullin, Ms. Dodd, Mrs. Philips and Ms. Ruiz
 Nays: None
 Absent: Ms. Rosario and Mr. Bruseo

X. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/POLICY

- A. Menugrams
- B. On the motion of Ms. Ruiz, seconded by Mrs. Mullin, the Board resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Dover Board of Education recognized and accepted the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) incidences reported for the period February 15, 2017 through February 28, 2017. Be it further resolved, that the Dover Board of Education approved the remedial and disciplinary action taken for each valid case.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Mrs. Shauer, Mrs. Laurie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scarneo, Mrs. Mullin, Ms. Dodd, Mrs. Philips and Ms. Ruiz
 Nays: None
 Absent: Ms. Rosario and Mr. Bruseo

- C. On Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 8:30 am, Academy Street School First Grade Students touched the hearts of families and the school community through their presentation of "First Grade Valentine's Morning Program Concert." Each year, this program has become increasingly popular among students and has become a school favorite. Our thanks to Dr. Covalesky for another outstanding performance.
- D. The Academy Street Resource Room, under the direction of Elaine Rinaldi, held a "Multiplication Bee" for students in grades 3-5. Students were required to write the times table they were asked within a specific period of time. In addition, students had to supply the correct answer to a multiplication problem immediately when asked using number cards. The final challenge was to solve word problems (mental math) using their multiplication skills.

- E. The Apple Cohort program at Academy is experiencing great enthusiasm among the faculty. The trainers on our Apple Cohort team are bringing Professional Development that is occurring at a very grassroots level and the result is profound. Teachers are taking the knowledge and experience that they are gaining back to their classroom where students are being engaged and challenged. Specific skills are being developed with many Apple products such as MAC software, Pages, iMovie, Keynote, Garage Band, and more. Not only are teachers using this knowledge in their instruction, but also giving students these additional tools in their educational toolbox to assist in and demonstrate their learning. In our education world of SAMR (using technology to function fully and efficiently in instruction) this Apple Cohort training is hitting the mark, and meeting the needs of our rigorous teaching standards. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Priscilla Welbourn and Ms. Jennifer Valenti for their ongoing efforts to bring SAMR to Academy Street.
- F. With a strong commitment to the effective use of technology and a desire to include the entire family into the educational process, Academy Street School has instituted a new initiative incorporating both ideas. The staff is encouraging students to complete several minutes on one of three approved websites. They are Raz Kids, Moby Max and Think Central. According to parents, students and teachers, the results have been extremely delightful. Parents report that they enjoy being more involved in the educational process of their children. Mr. Marion reports that student's enjoy working on these exciting and challenging websites. The 3rd and 6th grade classes of Academy Street School have teamed up to be technology buddies. Their first project together consisted of creating an iMovie trailer. Throughout this project, students were engaged in the creation and visualization of the story, development of the technology skills needed, and collaboration with peers. Through story writing, students experienced the power of words. The culminating activity was an Academy Awards night to showcase their film productions.
- G. The students at Academy Street School in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade, participated in the annual Read Across America Pajama Party in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The students attended the event in their pajamas and brought their favorite stuffed animal for a fun night full of reading, a Dr. Seuss movie, and snacks that were generously donated by the Academy Street School PTA! Our thanks to organizers Lauren Kramer and Ashley Bechtel.

XI. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/RENTALS

XII. BUDGET/FINANCE

- A. On the motion of Mrs. Laurie, seconded by Mrs. Mullin, the Board approved and/or adopted the following resolutions:
1. The Board approved the March 7, 2017 payment of bills in the amount of \$1,279,583.75 as shown on the attached listing.
 2. The Board gratefully accepted the following contributions to the District Scholarship Account:

Contributor	Scholarship Fund	Amount
Renate Weber	Donald Brill DHS Memorial	\$100.
Patricia and Walter Morris	Class of '55	\$50.
John and Mary Campo	Class of 1970s	\$100.
Dave DiYanni	Class of 1970s	\$100.
Marie and Pierre Gagne	Class of 1970s	\$50.
Mary Lou Palanchi Stracco	Class of 1970s	\$100.
Michael Wong	Class of 1970s	\$500.
Daniel Ippolito	Todd Trudgeon Memorial	\$100.
 3. The Board recommended authorizing the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to dispose of obsolete and non-functional technology equipment at Academy Street School as shown on the listing below:

Item	Green Tag	Yellow Tag	Blue Tag	Serial Number
Dell E771mm CRT Monitor	1454			CM2317P
HP Deskjet 722C	1267			ES84G141SJ
Dell OptiPlex GX240		553	GT0226	1HV4311
Dell OptiPlex GX150	855	550		CBF4Y01
Brother FAX-4750e				U60283K1J315451
HP Color Laserjet 3600n		2166		CHWBD80650
BenQ MX711 Projector		3059		PDLBC01453000

4. The Board recommended entering into an agreement for a four to six week period beginning February 24, 2017 with Professional Education Services, Inc. (P.E.S.I.), 34 S. Delsea Drive, Suite 1, Glassboro, New Jersey 08028 to provide education instruction services, \$32.29 per hour, for a District student through High Focus Center, Parsippany, New Jersey.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the tentative budget for the Dover Board of Education be approved for the **2017-2018** school year and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

2017-2018 TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	\$41,814,965	\$2,367,880	\$714,963	\$44,897,808
LESS: ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$27,568,793	\$2,367,880	\$714,963	\$30,651,636
TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$14,246,172	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$14,246,172

and to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according with law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public meeting be held in the **Media Center** at Dover High School, 100 Grace Street, Dover, New Jersey on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017** at **8:00 PM** for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the **2017-2018** school year.

6. **Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement - 2017-2018**
- WHEREAS**, the Dover Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and
- WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and
- WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and
- WHEREAS**, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as

noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$95,200 for all staff and board members.

7. Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal – **2017-2018**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dover Board of Education requests the approval of a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$714,961 for the purpose of funding a transfer to Debt Service. The Capital Outlay account number is 12-000-400-333.

8. Adjustment – Banked Cap – **2017-2018**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dover Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap (2014-2015) in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The District has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$400,163 for the purpose of instructional textbooks and instructional supplies (including technology). The District intends to complete said purposes by June 2018.

9. Professional Services - **2017-2018**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3©14

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dover Board of Education hereby establishes the following maximums for the **2017-2018** year as follows:

• Legal	\$ 51,495
• Audit	\$ 68,200
• Physician	<u>\$ 45,000</u>
For a total amount of	\$ 138,495

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Mrs. Shauer, Mrs. Laurie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scarneo, Mrs. Mullin, Ms. Dodd and Mrs. Philips
 Nays: None
 Absent: Ms. Rosario and Mr. Bruseo
 Abstentions: Ms. Ruiz

XIII. DOVER REPORT FROM MINE HILL REPRESENTATIVE – no report from Mr. Bruseo

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Miller reported on a meeting between the Dover Committee and the Mine Hill Board Members. The Feasibility Study, which was prepared by the Mine Hill consultant, was mathematically flawed. Mr. Miller spoke of Mine Hill parents who were against the move. The Dover Committee put together numerous options in an effort to work together with Mine Hill. At the conclusion of the Dover/Mine Hill meeting, it was announced that Mine Hill had already prepared an agenda which included a vote on submitting (to the Commissioner) a proposal to withdraw. It was obvious, at that point, the time spent with Mine Hill, and in preparing for the meeting, was nothing but a 'pro forma' exercise as the decision had been made. Mine Hill proceeded to vote on a resolution in favor of withdrawing from the Dover Schools, which will be sent to the Commissioner for review.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Rolling Calendar
1. Meeting Schedule
 - a. The Regular Session Meeting scheduled for March 21, 2017 has been canceled. Next meeting will be April 4, 2017 with Executive Session at 7:30 PM and Public Session at 8:00 PM.
 - b. Morris County Association of School Administrators – Academic Achievement Recognition Dinner – Wednesday, June 7, 2017, Hanover Marriott Hotel, 1401 Route 10 East, Whippany at 6 PM
- B. New Jersey School Boards' meetings:
1. March 22, 2017 - The Mansion at FDU Madison Campus, 285 Madison Avenue, Madison from 6 PM to 9 PM. Topic: "Changing Enrollment" – Mrs. Laurie and Mr. Scarneo to attend
 2. April 26, 2017 - Topic to be announced: The Mansion at Mountain Lakes, 90 US Route 46, Mountain Lakes from 6 PM to 9 PM – Mrs. Laurie to attend
- C. Michael Vrancik, Governmental Relations Director, New Jersey School Boards Association sent the following message on March 9, 2017 (**notice received on 3/13/2017 that this meeting has been postponed due to weather**):
- "The Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 12:30 PM in the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Municipal Building, 1001 Parsippany Blvd., Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.
- The committee will receive testimony from invited guests and from members of the public on inequities in school funding in New Jersey.
- The public may address comments and questions to Allen T. Dupree, Committee Aide, or make bill status and scheduling inquiries to Marguerite Tazza, Secretary, at (609) 847-3850 or fax (609) 984-9808. Written and electronic comments, questions and testimony submitted to the committee by the public, as well as recordings and transcripts, if any, of oral testimony, are government records and will be available to the public upon request.
- Persons wishing to testify should register with the Office of Legislative Services at (609) 847-3850 and should submit 15 copies of written testimony on the day of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes. Persons who are not presenting oral testimony may submit 15 copies of written testimony for consideration by the committee and inclusion in the record."
- D. Mr. Scarneo attended a STEAM meeting at the Army Base at Fort Dix. There is an information system to let student know what career paths are available to them. The program is run through NJSBA. Mr. Scarneo said it is a wonderful opportunity for students. He spoke to Mr. Becker and Ms. Schoonmaker about having the Army personnel come and speak to the Dover students.
- Ms. Ruiz inquired of Mr. Becker if the military has come to speak to the students in the past.
- Mr. Becker responded that the military has visited in the past and attended "College Days" as well.
- E. Ms. Ruiz brought up several topics from the NJSBA meeting:
1. TD Rewards Program for Summer Reading – inquired if the District participates in the program.

Mr. Becker spoke of current District offerings such as the Kindle Program at the elementary level as well as the intensive remedial programs offered throughout the district. Dover is one of the few districts that offers an intensive developmental elementary summer school program.

2. New Jersey legislature for schools as Immigrant Safe School Zones and several schools passed resolutions to become Safe Some for the undocumented students such as Clifton and Newark.
3. Rev It Up Program – offered by SNAP – helps low income teens with exercise and nutrition assistance.
4. Ms. Ruiz brought a motion for School Safe Zone to the Board.
 - a. On the motion of Ms. Ruiz, seconded by Mrs. Mullin, the Board agreed to develop a committee to explore pending legislation in regard to School Safe Zones.

Mr. Croot clarified that committees are formed at the pleasure of the President. Mr. Miller stated he would like to be part of the committee. Mrs. Laurie stated that she is concerned about the budget with aid possibly being removed and is also in support of a committee to investigate this proposal. Mrs. Laurie agreed to be on the committee if a resolution is moved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Mrs. Shauer, Mrs. Laurie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scarneo, Mrs. Mullin,
Ms. Dodd, Mrs. Philips and Ms. Ruiz
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Rosario and Mr. Bruseo

Mrs. Shauer asked Ms. Ruiz if she would like to chair the committee. Mrs. Shauer announced that the committee would consist of the following members: Chairperson Karol Ruiz together with Susan Shauer, Lynn Laurie and Scott Miller as committee members.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters. To insure a fair and orderly expression of such comment, each statement shall be held to a time period of 3 minutes. Public Comments shall be entertained for approximately 30 minutes, upon the discretion of the presiding officer.

Mrs. Shauer opened the meeting to the public.

Tanya Hopson stated she is a Mine Hill resident and parent and apologized for the Mine Hill Representative not being in attendance this evening. She thanked the Dover Committee on the Mine Hill Withdraw for sharing information from the joint meeting. She is saddened by the negative stereotypes of Dover, and commends the Dover District and Superintendent for the education her family has experienced.

Monica Palestis enjoyed the dialogue this evening by the Board. She is concerned about Mine Hill filing a petition to the Commission. She implores the District to oppose the petition. She is concerned about revenue in next year's budget and the impact on her taxes.

Krista Seanor inquired about the Summer Reading Program and what is the percentage of participation?

Sheryl Colligan suggested that a snow date be incorporated into next year's calendar for the play. She also spoke of the Wellness Committee of which Justin Hartman is the chairperson regarding safe play after school.

Jhonotan Munoz-Reina spoke on several issues:

1. Mine Hill seventh and eighth grade situation
2. Providing military program data to parents
3. What was the outcome of the Jefferson incident? Is there a plan or policy for coaches, referees, parents, etc. that he can review?
4. Any consideration for an SAT Prep Program?

Mr. Munoz-Reina reminded the Board that, ultimately, we are serving the students. We should build a strong foundation for students.

Marcia Ake (from Mine Hill) does not want to see Mine Hill withdraw its middle school students. She is very happy with the District's offerings, and does not want to see the Grade 7 and 8 withdraw from Dover Schools. As a Mine Hill parent, she has been pleased with the program and the opportunity for her children to meet new students by attending the Dover School District.

Angela Ramos Gama thanked Mr. Becker for helping her with her son. She spoke to Ms. Clarrett about her son's schedule. She also suggested that Parent Volunteers could be used to help supervise students on the playground. She stated that Dover handles undocumented immigrant issues very well.

Receiving no further response, Mrs. Shauer closed the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Shauer spoke on the Summer Reading Program and that in the past the program was very comprehensive. At that time there was a huge outcry from parents that they wanted it to be discontinued. It was viewed as a punitive program, as students who did not complete independent projects began the year in a negative manner. Mrs. Shauer stated that consideration will be given to re-implementing the program. The Board definitely supports the Summer Reading Programs in existence, which are targeted to students who would benefit from remedial instruction.

Mr. Becker spoke about Mine Hill enrollment projections for the 2017-2018 budget and the challenges with Choice Data and "provisional" acceptance. Out of the 24 students from Mine Hill, 5 have been admitted to Choice schools, 10 are on the waiting list for Choice Acceptance, and 9 have made a firm commitment to attend Dover Schools. Choice schools tend not to accept Bilingual Program students or students with special needs. Choice Aid is an additional \$10,000 above foundational aid, which Choice districts received, amounting to an additional expenditure of \$50,000,000 statewide.

In regard to the Jefferson incident, Mr. Becker gave an update. He has been working with the Anti-Defamation League, and Mr. Bullock was at the NJSIAAA – A/C conference. He stated that the District and groups were presently investigating a new set of rules for athletic events. Also a new set of guidelines for coaches has been put into place within the District, and is currently being used by other districts in the County.

Mr. Becker addressed SAT Prep and how the Khan Academy assists students for text prep based on PSAT results. He stated that the SAT Prep Program is no longer recommended. Khan Academy is geared towards the individual student, and is the official provider endorsed by the College Board. Mr. Becker stated that this is an excellent study and prep tool for students, and that while being the most comprehensive, it is also at no cost to students.

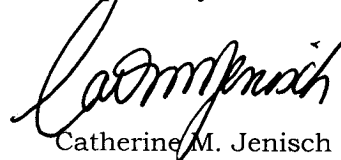
XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Laurie, the Board recommended adjournment at 9:19 PM.

The motion was approved with a voice vote.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine M. Jenisch
Business administrator/Board Secretary