

APPROVED MARCH 7, 2019

Sherborn School Committee

Dover School Committee

Meeting of January 22, 2019

Members Present: Kate Potter Henry Spalding
Angie Johnson Brooke Matarese
Jennifer Debin Rachel Spellman
Megan Page Michael Jaffe
Amanda Brown Adrian Hill

Also Present: Dr. Andrew Keough, Superintendent
Beth McCoy, Assistant Superintendent
Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator
Deborah Dixson, Interim Director of Special Education

1) Call to Order

Mr. Spalding called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Chickering Library.

2) Public Comment - Ms. Houser spoke about the importance of occupational therapy for the students served and her concern that the proposed changes to the Special Education Department would negatively impact that program.

3) Special Education Programming - Dr. Keough summarized the work of the Special Education Audit which focused on 1) autism spectrum disorders; 2) social emotional learning and programming; 3) preschool programming; and 4) special education reorganization.

The Administration is recommending development of an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Program at the elementary level as well as an additional BCBA at 1.0 FTE. The program would be located at Pine Hill using the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis and would be staffed by a lead teacher and paraprofessional support. The program would also be supported by BCBA, SLP, OT, and PT staff.

Additional recommendations include: increase school psychologists FTE at Pine Hill, refine and enhance SEL programming at Chickering, create more robust general education programmatic interventions at the elementary schools (Open Circle Curriculum and Responsive Classroom Approach), implement SEL screening, expand Director of Guidance to PreK-12, increase joint Professional Development, and develop and SEL program at the Middle School. The proposed reorganization of staffing will centralize the IEP process and administrative assistant support by creating two twelve month positions: 1) IEP management and 2) Finance, Transportation, and Administrative Support. Specific budget impacts will be provided to each school committee at their individual meetings.

There was lengthy discussion about the proposed changes to the program from committee members.

4) Adjournment at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis