

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
January 8, 2003**

Present: Rich Robison, Chairperson, Karen Krone, Vice Chairperson
Members: Bill Braun, Kathy Precourt, Jane Santinelli
Also Present: William J. Hurley, Superintendent, Patti Grenier, Assistant Superintendent,
Paul Funk, Director of Business & Finance, Hans Kalkofen, SEA

Rich Robison called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Open Forum I
No comments.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognitions

The Superintendent recognized all classes at Noyes who recently participated in a community-wide service project to create birthday kits for preschoolers at a homeless shelter called Horizons in Boston.

The Superintendent recognized Curtis Student Warren Porter who won, for the second year in a row, the Geography Bee. Warren will be participating in the statewide Bee later in the year.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Housing Authority-Land

John Darcey and Steve Swanger of the Housing Authority requested the School Committee to release to the Selectmen two small parcels of land (one on Newbridge Road, the other on Pratt's Mill Road) for the purpose of building affordable housing, if Town Meeting approves such construction. The Committee is interested in walking the sites and looking at more current maps. This item will be placed on the agenda for discussion on January 22.

C. Sudbury Little League Field Improvements

David Smith-Boyle presented a proposal from Sudbury Little League for improving the fields at Loring School and Noyes School. The main purpose for this initiative is to address safety issues, improve the fields, and increase the field inventory. The Committee expressed concern regarding when the work would take place. Little League will schedule the projects so work is not done during school hours. The Superintendent urged the Committee to support this project.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve the proposal as presented by Sudbury Little League to improve the baseball fields at Loring and Noyes Schools. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

D. Superintendent Search

Ed Gotgart from NESDEC was present to assist the Committee in developing questions to be used for the final interviews. The Committee will meet over the weekend to review the candidates and summary information that is being compiled on the candidates.

II. Superintendent's Report

B. Budget Presentation to Finance Committee

The Budget presentation will be made on Thursday, January 9, 2003 at 7:30 pm at Town Hall. The Superintendent shared the information that will be presented which includes the impact of a 0% budget and a 3% budget.

C. Budget Impact, State Reimbursement FY '03, FY '04

The Superintendent reported on a recent memo from the Commissioner of Education that State funding for the tuition costs of residential special needs children will run out at the end of March. The cost of these placements has been shared 50/50 between local districts and the state. Between April 1- June 30, the entire bill will be sent to the local school districts.

Open Forum II

Ed Campbell asked when are the Superintendent final interviews being held? They will be held Monday January 13 - Thursday, January 16 at the Curtis Library and they are open to the public.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Rich Robison reported on a Sudbury Foundation dinner and an MASC Annual Meeting.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2002 Regular and Executive Sessions as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

There was no Personnel Packet. The Superintendent reported that he has advertised the Middle School Principal position and the Director of Business & Finance position in Education Week. The positions will appear in the Boston Globe in the upcoming weeks.

Member's Forum

Karen Krone encouraged all teachers and staff to take advantage of being part of the upcoming Superintendent interviews.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Contract Negotiations, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:05 pm.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary