

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

**Present:** Susan Iuliano, Chairperson; Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson;  
Rich Robison, Jeff Beeler, Michele MacDonald (8:10 p.m.)

**Also Present:** Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent; Mary Will, Director of Business and Finance

**Open Session**

Susan Iuliano called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**3. FY10 Lunch Price Change**

Rita Skog, Director of Food Service, presented information on the costs to prepare school meals, the state reimbursement rates, and an outline of the offsets that keep the program running in the black. Costs associated with food purchases and employees continue to rise. The rates charged, as well as the state reimbursement rates, fall short of covering the costs of the program.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to increase the elementary and middle school lunch prices, as well as that for milk, as follows: elementary, from \$2.00 to \$2.25; middle school, from \$2.00 & \$2.25 to \$2.25 & \$2.50; milk, from \$.50 to \$.75. The vote was 5–0 in favor.

**1. FY10 Budget and Budget Balancing Plan Update**

Preparation for Town Meeting

The Town will present and support a non-override budget at Town Meeting on June 15 that differs in detail from that prepared in April, but that has a similar bottom line.

Susan Iuliano discussed the Budget Working Group's latest worksheet of the Town budget. Stabilization grant money was shown as an offset for L-S and SPS in order to account for the cuts to Chapter 70. The offset will be decreased if overall revenue numbers come in higher. It is understood that stimulus funds will revert to the schools to be used as needed.

Superintendent Brackett gave an overview of an updated draft presentation of the FY10 budget and budget balancing plan. There were no changes to the budget balancing plan from that previously presented.

**2. Discussion of FY10 Goals**

Superintendent Brackett presented a draft set of goals created by the administration. He asked for the Committee's input. An updated draft will be circulated to the staff for comment. June 24, 2009 is the target date for the School Committee's adoption.

**4. School Committee Report**

None.

**5. Open Forum**

No comments.

**5. Superintendent's Report**

(a) Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

(b) Personnel Actions

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

**6. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Michele MacDonald, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2009 Regular Session as amended. The vote was 4–0 in favor. Jeff Beeler abstained.

**7. Communications**

None.

**8. Members' Forum**

Jeff Beeler announced that he was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve on an energy committee. The committee was created to address alternative energy sources and issues in Sudbury.

Rich Robison asked that Members submit their superintendent evaluations as soon as possible so that he can schedule a meeting with Dr. Brackett. He also expressed an interest in having the Committee discuss teacher compensation so that its history and goals can be better appreciated.

Dr. Brackett reported that the Curtis CPO approved a \$10K allocation for the purchase of two ActivBoards, which will be used in Grade 8 math classrooms.

Susan Iuliano reported that she attended a school consolidation conference. She will provide the Committee with information obtained at the conference.

**9. Executive Session**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Michele MacDonald, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5–0 in favor. The time was 9:35 p.m.

Yes Susan Iuliano  
Yes Jane Santinelli  
Yes Rich Robison  
Yes Jeff Beeler  
Yes Michele MacDonald

Submitted by Sheila Cusolito, Recording Secretary