

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2009**

Present: Susan Iuliano, Chairperson; Jeff Beeler, Vice Chairman;
Rich Robison, Jane Santinelli

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

Open Session

Susan Iuliano called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Adoption of 2009-2010 Goals and Strategies

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Rich Robison, to approve the 2009-2010 Goals and Strategies as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

2. School Committee Report

None.

3. Open Forum

No comments.

4. Superintendent's Report

(a) Recognitions

None.

(b) Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

(c) Personnel Actions

As presented in the Personnel Packet.

(d) Memo

Superintendent Brackett received a memo from Assistant Superintendent Bob Milley that outlined the proposed levels of compensation for the advisors to two new after-school programs at Curtis. He noted that the compensation levels fit within the approved budget; furthermore, extracurricular activities are supported by activity fees.

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve the compensation levels for a Writer's Workshop activity (one unit/one advisor) and a Diversity Club activity (two units/two advisors). The vote was 4-0 in favor.

5. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Rich Robison, to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2009 Regular Session. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

6. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

7. Members' Forum

Jeff Beeler reported that the Energy Committee met last week. He indicated that it appears the Committee will be task-oriented and expressed confidence in its ability to meet its objectives. Bill Braun is serving as the Chairman. Mr. Braun engaged Michael Melnick from the Permanent Building Committee to participate. The State DOER recently conducted energy audits of all the town-owned buildings, including all schools except L-S. Joe Kupczewski was present for some of the audits and copied on all reports. Copies of all of the school-related energy audits have been provided to members of the School Committee.

Mary Will reported that we ended FY09 with a balance of approximately \$700,000 on paper to offset the FY09 revenue reductions. The balance reflects \$217,000 in savings and \$459,000 from the stimulus grant. Circuit breaker funds were received too late to be applied to FY09; they will be applied to FY10.

Rich Robison reported on a discussion he had with a parent interested in resurrecting the Sudbury Special Education

Advisory Committee (SSEAC). There are several parents interested in this effort and in meeting with SPED District Administrator Deborah Dixson and eventually with the School Committee. It was suggested that the SSEAC be invited to present to the Committee when Ms. Dixson makes her presentation.

Rich Robison also reported that the Superintendent's evaluation will not be completed until August. Rich Robison also reported that there is a tentative agreement with teachers who will meet to consider it on August 3.

Superintendent Brackett announced that an offer had been made to a qualified individual to develop social/recreational programming for children on the autism spectrum. A response is expected this week. Funding for this position was provided as a gift from the Rosenberg Charitable Trust. The goal is to have a program running by September.

8. Executive Session

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 4–0 in favor. The time was 8:20 p.m.

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

Submitted by Sheila Cusolito, Recording Secretary