

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 2, 2009**

**Present:** Susan Iuliano, Chairperson; Jeff Beeler, Vice Chairman;  
Dr. Rich Robison, Jane Santinelli, Michele MacDonald (7:50 p.m.)

**Also Present:** Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent; Bob Milley, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Will, Business and Finance Director; Dr. Bob Mealey, SEA

**Open Session**

Susan Iuliano called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was taped for public access broadcast.

Superintendent Brackett wished to recognize Assistant Superintendent Bob Milley for his extraordinary efforts in developing, administering, and implementing the District's professional development (PD) and ILAP days, which staff consistently give positive reviews. Another successful PD day occurred on November 30, involving 300 people and 26 sessions.

**1. Revised SORI Policy**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to amend Policy 4.3.7 Sex Offender Registry Information as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**2. Discussion of FY11 Budget**

Superintendent Brackett announced that a public hearing on the FY11 budget will be held during the Committee's next meeting on December 9.

Dr. Brackett stated that by December 11, each cost center will submit a fixed Growth Rate Budget (FGB) that is 4.5% greater than the FY10 budget. Such a budget would require an override at Town Meeting. Although revenues are still largely unknown, expenditures and actual salaries and benefits are well-defined at this time. A 4.5% increase over the FY10 Roll-Up Budget amounts to approximately \$400,000. Dr. Brackett presented an overview of FY11 Roll-Up projected expenses and offsets and outlined resources that could be funded by the \$400,000.

The Committee concurred that it was premature to define how the \$400,000 would be expended. Discussion will continue at the next Regular Session on December 9.

**3. Budget-to-Actual Report**

Business and Finance Director Mary Will presented the FY10 quarterly Budget-to-Actual Report, including projections. She highlighted some savings in salaries and noted that a freeze has not been placed on expenses. The State Financial Stabilization Fund (SFSF) is being utilized for Response to Intervention, technology, and operating budget offsets. The Committee is aware that local receipts may be down again this fiscal year. Additionally, 9C cuts are anticipated next March and perhaps thereafter. Stimulus funds were not obtained for technology; however, some expenditures are necessary to update a computer lab at Haynes and to supply each middle school teacher with a computer.

**4. School Committee Report**

Dr. Mealey read a statement of support for teachers and administrators who were recently negatively targeted in blogs because of a controversial guest lecture. The statement was submitted to the School Committee on behalf of the SEA. A meeting of School Committee members and SEA representatives will be scheduled to discuss how the District can best respond to such attacks going forward.

The Permanent Building Committee informed the School Committee that it wishes to expend \$10-12K of the school construction budget to assess the condition of the roofs at Noyes and Nixon. The Committee agreed by consensus that such an expenditure is warranted.

**5. Open Forum**

Lisa Gutch, Silver Hill Road, requested a description of a budget hearing.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

**(a) Field Trip Approval**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve an out-of-state field trip for Haynes third graders to Roger Williams Zoo. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**(b) 2010-2011 School Calendar**

Dr. Brackett presented two calendars, one with a start date before Labor Day, the other with a start date after Labor Day. The pre-Labor Day start this year aligned with the L-S calendar; the District would like to align with L-S for the coming school year. Dr. Brackett will report that SPS is leaning toward a pre-Labor Day start for the 2010-2011 school year.

(c) Food Service Delinquencies

The Food Service balance is \$12,000 in arrears due to nonpayment. Dr. Brackett informed the Committee that starting in January notification will be sent to parents when accounts go to a zero balance. Reference to the school lunch program will be included.

(d) Bill Schedule

A Bill Schedule was presented.

(e) Race To The Top (RTTT)

Dr. Brackett reported that the state is seeking districts that are interested in participating in RTTT, a newly established federal grant program that requires states to engage 50% of its local education agencies (LEA's) in order to receive funding. Massachusetts will apply for \$100-\$250 million. Participating LEA's must sign a memorandum of understanding to support the basic criteria of the program. Funding is expected to be very competitive and states must commit to funding the program after the first year. The initiative must be adopted by states whether or not they apply for federal funding. The legislature must also vote to eliminate barriers to its implementation before the first application deadline in January 2010.

**7. Minutes—Regular Session, November 18, 2009**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 Regular Session. The vote was 5–0 in favor.

**8. Communications**

None.

**9. Members' Forum**

Dr. Bob Mealey announced the December 10 celebration at Sky restaurant for employees reaching the 25-year milestone.

Assistant Superintendent Bob Milley acknowledged Wellness Coordinator Betsy Grams and the physical education staff for a lunch-hour wellness program conducted at the November 30 PD day.

Jeff Beeler acknowledged Business and Finance Director Mary Will and Facilities Manager Joe Kupczewski for their efforts in the timely filing of paperwork for the energy conservation grant that will fund the installation of the solar array at Noyes. Funds are expected within 60 days.

Susan Iuliano reiterated that the next Regular Session is next Wednesday, December 9, rescheduled from December 16.

Sheila Cusolito acknowledged Wellness Coordinator Betsy Grams and the physical education staff for organizing the November 21 Turkey Trot.

**12. Adjourn**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to adjourn the Regular Session. The vote was 5–0 in favor. The time was 9:37 p.m.

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

Submitted by Sheila Cusolito, Recording Secretary