

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Special Session
Wednesday March 9, 2011**

Present: Susan Iuliano, Chairperson; Jeff Beeler, Vice Chairman;
Dr. Rich Robison, Michele MacDonald, Lisa Gutch

Also Present: Art Bettencourt, NESDEC Consultant

Open Session

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

1. Superintendent Search Debriefing

Susan Iuliano thanked all those who have participated in the Superintendent search process, including the candidates. The Committee concurred that it is not ready at this time to narrow the candidate pool. The Committee agreed that each candidate brings a unique skill set and that the challenge is to determine whose skills match best with the District's needs. The Committee discussed the value of site visits, which Mr. Bettencourt characterized as a good way to talk informally and get a sense of the atmosphere, direction, decision-making ability, and strength of relationships of each candidate. Mr. Bettencourt believes the Committee has the benefit of time to conduct site visits; however, he recommends that the Committee be prepared to take action in the event that competition for any of the candidates picks up. Mr. Bettencourt shared that the three candidates were interested in continuing in the selection process and were impressed with the District and the organizational aspects of their on-site visits.

Mr. Bettencourt provided input into the types and scope of site visits, as well as ideas on participants. The Committee will consider its options when the visits have been scheduled. There was agreement that participants should include a parent, administrator, and teacher, as well as some Committee Members. Additionally, the Committee agreed that the visits should include meeting with superintendents, elementary and middle school teachers, parents, students, and professional peers.

2. Adjourn

VOTED: On a motion by Michele MacDonald, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to adjourn the Special Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 8:28 p.m.

Yes Susan Iuliano
Yes Jeff Beeler
Yes Rich Robison
Yes Michele MacDonald
Yes Lisa Gutch

Submitted by Sheila Cusolito, Recording Secretary