

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 1, 2011**

Present: Jeff Beeler, Chairman; Susan Iuliano, Vice Chairperson;
Dr. Rich Robison, Lisa Gutch, Ellen Winer Joachim

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

Open Session

Jeff Beeler called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was taped for public access broadcast.

1. Award of Food Service Management Contract

Mary Will summarized the process used by the Sudbury Food Service Proposal Evaluation Committee to come to its unanimous decision to recommend that Chartwells be awarded the District food services contract for the upcoming school year. Four providers responded to the RFP; one company did not meet the minimum criteria. Among the criteria were providing break-even operations with benefits paid from revenue, more attractive menus, and opportunities for community interaction. Chartwells estimated a \$30K profit in the first year, with just under \$100K in savings—with an estimate of \$85K in unemployment compensation—and an additional \$80K in the second year, when unemployment won't be a factor.

Ms. Will explained that the contract can run for five years, but that it must be renewed each year. In addition, Chartwells has agreed to pay for a consultant to monitor the program through its first year. The Committee must conditionally approve the award, subject to successful contract negotiations, which will permit Chartwells to begin interviewing current employees and develop its program.

VOTED: On Motion by Lisa Gutch, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to conditionally award the contract for Food Service Management to Chartwells, subject to successful contract negotiations. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

2. Support for Formation of an ESCo

Jeff Beeler spoke in connection with the Sudbury Energy Committee's interest in exploring the potential of joining with other communities in connection with soliciting information from Energy Services Companies about various energy savings possibilities. These companies are called ESCOs. He stated that the Energy Committee and the Town are working with other communities and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, MAPC, to receive proposals for services of an ESCo. An ESCo might provide opportunities for cost savings on energy-related initiatives. Mr. Beeler stated that the Energy Committee is seeking the School Committee's support for its involvement with the MAPC in obtaining such information from ESCOs. The Committee agreed by consensus to support the Energy Committee's efforts in this regard.

3. Shared Facilities Director

Superintendent Brackett outlined an updated draft MOA developed by Susan Iuliano and Jeff Beeler. The Town is also reviewing the draft in anticipation of meeting with District representatives next Tuesday. The draft provides additional clarity regarding the proposed set of responsibilities for a Department of Facilities, its oversight, reporting structure, and

staffing; however a significant number of details remain to be considered by both the District and the Town.

4. Green Repair Program Project Funding Agreement

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Rich Robison, to authorize the Sudbury Public Schools to enter into and be bound by the Project Funding Agreement pursuant to Article 1, Roof, Boilers and Window Replacements – Peter Noyes School, MSBA Green Repair Program voted at the Special Town Meeting held on January 19, 2011, with respect to all provisions under the authority of the Sudbury Public Schools; and further to authorize the Superintendent of the Sudbury Public Schools to execute said document and to sign all documents relative thereto. The vote was 5–0 in favor.

5. Student Activity/Fund Raiser Revolving Fund

METCO students and cooperating families recently participated in the Florence K. Adler fund raiser in Wayland, raising over \$2,000 to supplement the METCO program grant.

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Lisa Gutch, to establish a District-wide student activity/fund raiser revolving account for the METCO program, with thanks to the participating children. The vote was 5–0 in favor.

6. Adoption of SPS FY12 District Goals and Strategies

VOTED: On a motion by Ellen Winer Joachim, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to approve the FY12 District Goals and Strategies, with some changes to syntax as presented. The vote was 5–0 in favor.

Incoming Superintendent Dr. Anne Wilson expressed her interest in continuing to build on the good work of the District.

6. School Committee Report

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Rich Robison, to adopt the assignments of Liaisons, Subcommittees and Delegates to MASC as presented, with the additional clarification that Lisa Gutch will serve as the EDCO Liaison. The vote was 5–0 in favor.

The 2011–2012 School Committee Calendar, with the changes voted at the May 18, 2011 Regular Session, was presented.

8. Open Forum

No comments.

9. Superintendent's Report

(a) Staffing Update

Superintendent Brackett provided an overview of staffing changes. Currently, there are 11 teacher vacancies due to retirements and leaves of absence. Final interviews will occur in the coming week for the Curtis House Administrator. Interviews for the Haynes Assistant Principal begin this week. Dr. Brackett also outlined the timeline for hiring a SPS/LS METCO Director, with a hiring decision anticipated for the end of June. A candidate/parent reception is scheduled to take place in Boston on June 20, with final interviews in Sudbury slated for June 23 or 24.

(b) Donations

None.

(c) Recognitions

Susan Iuliano reported on the commendable performance of the 7th grade Destination Imagination team at the global competition held in Tennessee. The team placed 29th out of 80 teams.

- (d) Bill Schedule
A Bill Schedule was presented.
- (e) Personnel Actions
As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

10. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Lisa Gutch, seconded by Ellen Winer Joachim, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 Regular Session. The vote was 5–0 in favor.

11. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Additionally, Jeff Beeler reported that the School Committee received a letter from Curtis eighth grader Bradley Stevenson regarding food services, snacks, and nutrition. Lisa Gutch will respond on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Beeler also reported on a communication from the MSBA to Town Manager Maureen Valente.

12. Members' Forum

Sheila Cusolito asked about changes in METCO staffing.

Rich Robison reported that the Senate budget passed, with an increase in circuit breaker that fell short of that anticipated. Dr. Robison also stated that his organization is competing with EDCO for a DESE contract.

Lisa Gutch asked for clarification that a communication from the District's attorneys was for information-only. Mr. Beeler confirmed.

Jeff Beeler circulated the Board of Selectmen's liaison assignments. Selectman Robert Haarde is the liaison to the School Committee.

13. Executive Session

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Lisa Gutch, to adjourn the Regular Session and move to Executive Session to discuss strategy for negotiation with non-union personnel, as discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the position of the School Committee, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5–0 in favor. The time was 9:02 p.m.

Yes Jeff Beeler
Yes Susan Iuliano
Yes Rich Robison
Yes Lisa Gutch
Yes Ellen Joachim

Submitted by Sheila Cusolito, Recording Secretary