

**Sudbury Public Schools School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 9, 2014
Senior Center
Sudbury, Massachusetts**

Present: Ellen Winer Joachim, Bob Armour, Lucie St. George, Scott Nassa, Christine Hogan

Also Present: Dr. Anne Wilson, Superintendent; Kim Swain, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Will, Director of Business and Finance (Minutes)

Open Session

Ellen Winer Joachim called the Open Session to order at 7:31 P.M.
The meeting was taped for public broadcast.

1. Recognitions
Superintendent Wilson welcomed Kim Swain, the new Assistant Superintendent.
2. Open Forum
There were no participants.
3. Fingerprinting Policy
The Policy Subcommittee presented a Fingerprinting Policy draft (attached) for its first reading. The policy was well received by the Committee. In Section 3.4.2, for the sentence beginning "In addition, the Superintendent . . .," there was a request that the Subcommittee clarify "volunteer" to indicate a category (of volunteers), not a specific volunteer.
4. Vote on Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Project Funding Initial Compliance Certification for the Nixon Roof Project
Superintendent Wilson requested that School Committee vote on two motions regarding the General John Nixon Elementary School, MSBA Project No. 201402880025.

Motion by Bob Armour, second by Christine Hogan:
Authorize Superintendent Wilson and Chairman Joachim to execute the MSBA's Initial Compliance for the General John Nixon Elementary School, MSBA Project No. 201402880025, certifying on behalf of the Eligible Applicant that the terms have been read and understood, and certifying that each of the statements contained therein are true, complete, and accurate.
Voted: 5-0 in favor

Motion by Bob Armour, second by Scott Nassa:
Authorize Superintendent Wilson and Chairman Joachim to execute any further documents or certifications related to the General John Nixon Elementary School, MSBA Project No. 201402880025.
Voted: 5-0 in favor
5. Discussion of Live Recordings for School Committee Meetings
Superintendent Wilson spoke with the Sudbury TV and reported that live broadcasts can be done from the Senior Center. There is no need to change the location of School Committee Meetings. Live broadcasts cannot be done from the schools.

Motion by Christine Hogan, second by Bob Armour:

Broadcast School Committee meetings at the Senior Center as soon as possible.

Voted: 5-0 in favor

The question about School Committee Meetings being bumped by other events will be addressed with Sudbury TV.

6. Discussion of 1:1 Technology Fee

Superintendent Wilson reported on the 1:1 Chromebook Pilot Program at the Middle School and the need for insurance. A memo from Michael O'Brien, Director of Technology, and Mary Will outlined the value of insurance coverage for repairs and replacement of broken Chromebooks versus the standard one-year manufacturer's warranty that comes with a new Chromebook. Superintendent Wilson advised that, for the first year at least, the cost for insurance be paid out of the Technology Budget and not charged back to the students in the form of fees. School Committee agreed.

School Committee was surprised at the 35.3% replacement rate for the Chromebooks in the 1:1 Pilot. The Committee was assured that a more rugged model was being purchased for this year, and that the PTO was purchasing covers for the Chromebooks. The Committee would like regular updates on deployment of the Chromebooks this year. Yet to be answered are the questions of fees in the future and what happens at the end of eighth grade.

7. Discussion of School Committee Summer Working Session

Bob Armour suggested that a two- to three-hour summer working session would be helpful. Purposes for such a session:

1. Review operating protocols established at a last summer's workshop to see how well the School Committee is living them.
2. Review established norms and how they guide meetings with the goal of opening up public communication.
3. Manage agenda through the course of the year. Determine a process for School Committee members to place items on the agenda.
4. Discuss School Committee priorities and how to define success for FY15 (one page document).

Karen Walsh will work with the Committee to set a time for the workshop.

8. School Committee Report

A. Liaison/Subcommittee Reports

1. Board of Selectmen Meeting

- Scott Nassa reported that he had watched the televised meeting and SPS was mentioned in a few of the items that were discussed.
- Marlborough was approached again by the Sewer Committee and the Marlborough Sewer Option appears to be back on the table.
- The vote for approving the Nixon Roof is set for March.
- The settlement with the IRS including the SPS portion was discussed and Maureen Valente (with the Chair's and Vice-Chair's concurrence) was authorized to sign the settlements up to a cap of \$90,000. Mary Will added that the Town and SPS had met again with the IRS representative to discuss the IRS reclassification of some consultants as employees. For SPS there are nine

consultants in question. It appears that the IRS will agree that six of those nine are contractors.

2. OPEB Committee Meeting 7/9/14

Lucie St. George reported that the OPEB Committee met with a Consulting Actuary to gain a better understanding of the Town's obligation for "Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions." The Committee's goal is to develop a plan to fund the obligation.

3. Ellen Winer Joachim has been contacted by Selectman Pat Brown about forming a Committee to study the possibility of Sudbury ceasing to be a member-town of Minuteman Regional High School. School Committee would need to have a representative on the Committee.

Motion by Christine Hogan, second by Lucie St. George:

Have Scott Nassa as the Sudbury Public Schools Committee representative on the Minuteman Regional High School Study Committee.

Voted: 5-0 in favor

9. Open Forum

There were no participants.

10. Superintendent's Report

• FY15 Enrollment: Across the District, Grade 1 enrollment is under guidelines. We are watching Kindergarten enrollment carefully. Haynes is full and Noyes is almost full. Total Kindergarten enrollment FY15 is 245 compared to 266 in FY14.

• Reminder: August 27, 2014 is Opening Day for staff. All School Committee members are invited. The Police and Fire Chiefs and the Assistant Town Manager are also invited.

• School Committee is invited to lunch with the SALT Team at the Administrative Retreat on August 19.

11. Communications

No communications.

12. Minutes – Regular Session Minutes

No minutes.

13. Member's Forum

Scott Nassa welcomed Kim Swain.

14. Executive Session – No Executive Session

15. Adjourn

Motion by Ellen Winer Joachim, second by Scott Nassa:

Adjourn this regular meeting.

Voted: 5-0 in favor at 9:08 P.M.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2014, at the Senior Center at 7:30pm.