

**Sudbury Public Schools**  
**Sudbury, Massachusetts**  
**School Committee Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 19, 2001**

**Present:** Rich Robison, Chairperson, Karen Krone, Vice Chairperson

**Members:** Bill Braun, Kathy Precourt, Jane Santinelli

**Also Present:** William J. Hurley, Superintendent, Patti Grenier, Assistant Superintendent,  
Paul Funk, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixon, SPED  
Administrator, Paul Hurd, SEA

**Budget Hearing**

Rich Robison called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Paul Funk gave a presentation of the FY 2003 Budget. which represents a 10.1% increase, driven by contractual obligations, increases in Special Education expenses, utilities, and transportation.

Rich Robison called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Open Forum I**

No comments.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**B. Project MEET**

Frank Byrne introduced Donna Criswell, Paula Johnson, Janet Jennings, Sheila Sohn, Diane Hoaglin. Frank gave a brief history of the Project MEET grant. Frank and Donna Criswell highlighted 24 teachers in the K-8 district currently involved in Project MEET. Sheila Sohn and Diane Hoaglin gave individual presentations. Project MEET provided funding and training for teachers to integrate the use of technology with classroom curricula.

**A. Recognition**

The Superintendent recognized all participants of the Project MEET program. The Superintendent also recognized Patti Grenier for her leadership in supporting the program.

**I. School Committee Report**

**A. Bill Schedule**

A bill schedule was presented.

**B. Calendar Review 2002-2003**

The Superintendent reviewed the draft of the 2002-2003 Calendar, with a pre-Labor Day start for staff and September 3 for students, and the 180th day being June 20th. The draft reflects 3 Teacher Workshop days during the year. If one of the days (April 17) is moved to before the start of the school year, the 180th day will be June 19th. The Committee discussed the need to look at the Calendar at an earlier point in the year (ie spring).

**C. Feedback on Meeting with Legislators in Wayland**

Rich Robison reported on the meeting which highlighted an overview of the history of special education and the current issues facing communities like Sudbury. Rich and Bill Hurley summarized the attitude of the legislative leadership on education as not particularly sympathetic to the percentage of state support to suburbs such as Sudbury and Wayland.

**II. Superintendent's Report****C. Vote on 2002-2003 Budget**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the FY 2003 Budget of \$23,132,702. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**D. Review of Physical Restraint Policy and Procedure**

The Superintendent presented a sample Physical Restraint Policy, which is now required of all school systems. Staff training will be necessary. A draft policy will be written and made available to Committee members for the next meeting.

**E. Vote on Safety Plan**

Vanetta Porth and Annette Doyle were present to discuss the third draft of the Safety Plan, highlighting minor revisions.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Karen Krone, to table the vote on the Safety Plan until the next meeting, January 9, 2002.

**Open Forum II**

No comments.

**III. Communications**

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Rich Robison presented an invitation to the EDCO Forum on School Committee Leadership.

**IV. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2001 Executive Session as presented and the December 5, 2001 Regular Session with the following changes:

page 1 **C. FY '03 Budget**

after "Growth-increase in expenses due to growth" add "(no additional staff)"

after "Level Budget (no growth except SPED, utilities, and transportation" add "expenses)"

The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**V. Personnel Action**

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

**Member's Forum**

Patti Grenier reported on a trip to New Hampshire with 4th grade teachers to investigate a new 4th grade educational trip- the Northern Experience (formerly Vermont Odyssey). Busses will transport all students. A full presentation of the trip will be forthcoming. Patti recommended we maintain the 4-day format this year, with the understanding that a committee is currently reviewing all overnight field trips across the district.

Rich Robison reported the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was passed which will extend testing to every year from grades 3-8 in math and reading.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Contract Negotiations, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:05 pm.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary

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