

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2001**

Present: Rich Robison, Chairperson, Bill Braun, Vice-Chairperson

Members: Karen Krone, Kathy Precourt, Stephenie Cook

Also Present: William J. Hurley, Superintendent, Patti Grenier, Assistant Superintendent, Paul Funk, Director of Business & Finance, Eula Walsh, SEA

Rich Robison called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Update on Building Projects

There was no update.

B. Superintendent's Evaluation – Update on Process

Bill Braun and Kathy Precourt will review Committee comments and get a draft to members. The final evaluation will be voted at the next meeting.

C. Community Preservation Act

The consensus among Committee members is to support the goals of the Community Preservation Act.

D. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized 7th grader Alex Nisetich, who qualified for the finals of the Massachusetts Geography Bee to be held at Clark University on April 6.

The Superintendent recognized Gene Spurr and the custodial staff for their efforts in readying the schools after the recent snowstorm.

The Superintendent congratulated Linda Ferguson, Assistant Principal at Loring, on being selected to serve as a principal in Shrewsbury.

B. Budget to Actual

Paul Funk presented Budget to Actual figures as of 3/12/01, noting that year-end transfers will be required for the areas of Special Education, Utilities, and Playgrounds.

C. Strategic Plan Steering Committee Meeting Feedback

The Superintendent reported that the SPSC had a positive initial meeting on 2/27/01. Its next meeting is scheduled for April.

D. State Aid Priorities

In response to a letter from Senator Fargo, the Committee sees the following areas as priorities: Metco funding, reimbursement of special education costs, professional development costs, continue support of per pupil reimbursement, continued grants for extraordinary growth, SBA funding, and funding for full day kindergarten.

E. Noyes Principal Search Update

The Superintendent reported that, as planned, the search has resumed for a principal at Noyes.

F. Update on School Cancellations

The Superintendent reported on the recent snowstorm and informed the Committee that the decision to close schools was based on safety concerns (ie roads unsafe, sidewalks not plowed).

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As presented in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Kathy Precourt, seconded by Stephenie Cook, to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2001 Special Session and the February 26, 2001 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Members' Forum

Kathy Precourt reported on a parent concern regarding the safety of the bleachers at Loring School, specifically, how to keep people from climbing them.

Patti Grenier reported on a successful curriculum evening held last Thursday. She thanked the Nixon PTO for their invitation.

Rich Robison reported that the next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, March 12. He presented the minutes from the last Selectmen's meeting for the Committee's information.

The Superintendent reported that the March enrollment is up 14 students from October 1. He also informed the Committee that the meeting at the State House regarding standardized testing has been rescheduled to 3/13/01 at 10:00 a.m.

Eula Walsh announced the Basketball Bonanza will be held on Friday, March 16.

Rich Robison informed the Committee that the MASC "Day on the Hill" is coming up in April. Interested Committee members should contact the Superintendent's office.

VOTED: On a motion by Stephenie Cook, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 9:10 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun
Yes Stephenie Cook
Yes Rich Robison
Yes Karen Krone
Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary