

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Monday March 26, 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

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

**Open Forum I**

Several people expressed their gratitude for the 9 years of service that Stephenie Cook has contributed to the Sudbury School Committee. Susan Pope presented a certificate on behalf of the House of Representatives. Other well wishers included Karen Krone on behalf of the School Committee, Lori Wishner on behalf of the L-S School Committee, Bill Hurley on behalf of the administrative staff, Kathy Wagner on behalf of SERF, Kirsten Roopenian on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Eula Walsh on behalf of the SEA, and Kevin Plodzick on behalf of the staff at Curtis Middle School. Stephenie reflected on her years as a School Committee member and thanked all those people who have offered her support over the years.

**I. School Committee Report**

**A. Update on Building Projects**

Paul Funk updated the Committee.  
Curtis-Paving will be completed over April vacation.  
Noyes - The library will be completed within one week. Additional technology drops will be installed over April vacation.

**B. Superintendent's Evaluation**

Bill Braun reported on the process of the Superintendent's Evaluation. Members filled out an evaluation regarding general management performance and activity measured against established goals. The final edited version was read by Rich Robison (see copy attached).

**VOTED:** On a motion by Stephenie Cook, seconded by Karen Krone, to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

The Superintendent thanked the Committee for their generosity. The Superintendent noted that his evaluation was reflective of the efforts of Patti Grenier, Paul Funk and Joe Mascola and thanked those individuals. He expressed his desire to continue the administrative retreat and looks forward to working on the strategic planning initiative.

### **C. Preparation for Town Meeting**

Rich Robison will say a few brief words, then the Superintendent will speak.

### **D. Bill Schedule**

A bill schedule was presented.

## **II. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. Recognitions**

The Superintendent recognized, on behalf of Anne Lynch, Carole Hebb and Beth Brown, Noyes teachers. They brought a class of second and third graders to the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge where they spoke to a national audience of firefighters, EMT's, etc. about safety issues.

The Superintendent recognized Cathy Crosley and Melissa Runde, Curtis Teachers, for their efforts in the production of "Oklahoma."

The Superintendent recognized, on behalf of Rita Bissonnette-Clark, teachers Sandy Bell and Debbie Warner, for their presentations at the National Curriculum Conference (ASCD) and Harvard School of Education.

The Superintendent recognized, on behalf of Patti Grenier, SPED Secretary Karen Miller, for her support during the transition of SPED Directors.

The Superintendent recognized Patti Grenier for filling in as SPED Director during the interim.

### **B. Staff Recruitment**

The Superintendent reported on the efforts to recruit minority candidates to Sudbury. The Superintendent and 5 administrators recently attended a staff recruitment day in Cambridge. Patti Grenier recently attended the New England Minorities Network meeting. The Superintendent also noted that, assuming Town Meeting supports the Override request, advertisements for "anticipated openings" will be posted.

### **C. Administrative Searches – Update**

Applications have been received for the principal and assistant principal openings.

## **Open Forum II**

No comments.

## **III. Communications**

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Additional items included a notice regarding the Suburban Coalition Annual Legislative Breakfast April 10 at the State House, and a Notice from the Selectmen that the owner of 3.39 acres of property on Concord Road is intending to sell the land.

## **IV. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Stephenie Cook, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2001 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

## **V. Personnel Action**

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

## **Members' Forum**

Stephenie Cook thanked everyone for a wonderful experience serving on the Committee.

Karen Krone reported that the Curtis team placed second in the Science Olympiad. Also, since the Homework Policy has been taken out of the Policy Manual, should administrators develop a homework policy?

Bill Braun reported on the success of the Basketball Bonanza. He also commended Curtis Teacher Melissa Runde for her efforts during the production of "Oklahoma." He thanked Stephenie Cook for her sense of perspective and ability to anticipate the needs of the system and how they fit in with the community.

Rich Robison thanked Stephenie for her service and praised her foresight and leadership. Rich also reported that he is serving on the Governor's Commission on School Readiness which is charged with recommending State policy regarding early childhood. Any thoughts or ideas are welcome.

Bill Hurley praised Stephenie's efforts and her "gift of leadership."

Patti Grenier thanked Stephenie for teaching her about “commitment to community for the common good.”

Kathy Precourt echoed sentiments of Board members and thanked Stephenie for her efforts.

Paul Funk expressed his appreciation for working with Stephenie. He also reported that he is working with Soundbytes, a company which automates large volume phone calling (school closings, etc.) Paul reported that the playgrounds at Noyes and Haynes are being demolished. Bids will be opened next week for the new construction.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Stephenie Cook, seconded by Karen Krone, to adjourn the meeting.. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:00 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary