

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2002**

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 Dixson, SPED Administrator, Bob Mealy, SEA

Rich Robison called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognitions

The Superintendent recognized the following staff members who participated in the MASSCUE conference: Donna Criswell, Amy Langelier, and Shannon Famigletti.

B. FinCom Special Education Presentation

SPED Director, Debbie Dixson and Marty Ragonos of the Finance Committee updated the Committee on a recent presentation made to the Finance Committee on Special Education which included an overview of eligibility criteria and costs associated with special education. This discussion provided a basis for understanding the Special Education laws and how they work. The Superintendent thanked Debbie Dixson for her efforts on this presentation. The Finance Committee is interested in continued conversations regarding Special Education costs.

C. Budget

The Superintendent presented a 5% Budget as requested by the Finance Committee, which included new Math Tutors, as well as a restoration of Lunch

Monitors and Library Assistants. Concerns were expressed regarding the escalating costs of special education. At a future meeting, a presentation will be made regarding this issue.

Open Forum II

Susan Richmond is interested in the redeployment of some positions that were cut from last year's budget. Are there other places we could look to reallocate dollars?

Rebecca Goniwich, Special Needs Advisory Council, offered help to the Committee on educating people about special education.

Milton Jones questioned the emphasis on the introduction of computers before middle school. He feels we should concentrate on literacy in grades K-5.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Donations to Sudbury Public Schools

VOTED: On a motion by Kathy Precourt, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept a donation of \$50 from Michael Lueders, \$200 from Kathleen and John Egan, \$100 from Jamie and Jonathan Gossels, \$50 from Katherine and Thomas Howd. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. 2003-2004 School Calendar

The Superintendent reported a request by a parent to put the holiday Ramadan on the school calendar. Bill Braun reported comments he received from a student who requested we not celebrate certain holidays and eliminate early release days to get out earlier in June. The Committee was reminded that the only holidays reflected on the school calendar are those that effect school days.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to accept the 2003-2004 School Calendar as originally presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

D. Superintendent Search

Karen updated the Committee. Things are going well and are on schedule.

Karen asked Committee members to check their schedules the third week of January for finalist interviews. An informal gathering will be scheduled at Curtis. Jane gave an update on the Search Committee.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Rich Robison received a notice from the EDCO Collaborative School Committee Group which is holding its next meeting on Friday, December 13.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Karen Krone, to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2002 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

New Item

VOTED: On a motion by Kathy Precourt, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the donation of a trumpet and case from Martha Prozeller. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Member's Forum

Bob Mealy reported that the HOPE Sudbury Telethon was very successful and the videotaped acts will be aired in the future.

Karen Krone reported that the L-S School Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 will feature a Math presentation.

Bill Hurley received an email from Senator Fargo requesting students participate in an art contest. The Committee felt there was not enough time to get the information out to students.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Collective Bargaining, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:30 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary