

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 18, 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, Eula Walsh, SEA

Rich Robison called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**Open Forum I**

No comments.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Recognition**

The Superintendent recognized, at the request of Patti Grenier, Karen Koebberman and Kathleen Gordon, who organized the Special Education Summer Services Program. Patti commended their efforts.

The Superintendent and Patti Grenier recognized Tracey Mara, Acting Principal at Noyes School, for her outstanding performance. The Superintendent recommended granting Tracey a \$2,000 Stipend for her efforts. This figure represents the difference between her salary and a principal's salary for her term as Acting Principal.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to grant a \$2,000 Stipend to Tracey Mara for her role as Acting Principal at Noyes School. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**B. 6th Grade Trips to Nature's Classroom**

Kevin Plodzick presented information on the 6th Grade Nature's Classroom. Kevin gave a brief overview of the trip which included the history of the trip as

well as curriculum connections. Concern was expressed about the fact that most, but not all, 6th grade teams take part in this trip. Alternatives will be investigated to attempt to provide all students access to the trip in the future.

Scholarships are available to those in need.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve the 6th Grade Nature's Classroom trip for the 2002-2003 school year, at a cost of approximately \$280 per student, with encouragement to the administration and staff to work toward all teams participating. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

### **C. Music Lesson Program**

Patti Grenier explained the after school instrumental music program, created as a result of the reductions in the instrumental music program due to budgetary constraints. This is a self-sustaining, tuition-based program. All Sudbury students in grades 4-8 will have access to this program.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to establish the fees for the After School Instrumental Music Lesson Program at the rate of \$25 per half-hour for a private lesson, \$15 per half hour for a semi-private lesson, and \$10 per half-hour for a small group lesson. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to authorize for FY '03 the use of a revolving fund by the Sudbury Schools for the purpose of providing instrumental music lessons, to be funded by user fees collected; said fund to be maintained as a separate account, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2, and expended under the direction of the Sudbury School Committee. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

## **I. School Committee Report**

### **A. Bill Schedule**

A bill schedule was presented.

### **B. Donation**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept a donation of \$250 from Dave and Jeannette McLellan. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

### **C. Negotiations Update**

Rich will send a letter to the Association to begin the Negotiations process.

#### **D. Financial Summit - Oct. 10**

The Financial Summit will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2002, from 7:30-9:00 at the Goodnow Library. The Budget Subcommittee of Jane Santinelli and Kathy Precourt will attend. Marty Ragonese encouraged all to attend.

#### **E. Update on Superintendent's Search**

Karen updated the Committee on the Superintendent Search. The first ad ran in the Boston Globe this past Sunday, another will run this weekend. The brochure and the application are at the printer. Focus groups are being conducted. Karen reminded Committee members of the following meetings:

Wednesday, **September 25** at 7:30 p.m. will be the School Committee's Focus Group with the consultant;

Wednesday, **October 23** at 7:30 p.m. will be a meeting with the School Committee and the consultant to explain the rules of interviewing and reviewing candidates and planning interview questions;

Monday, **October 28** and Tuesday, **October 29**, from 8:30-5:30 interviews will be conducted.

Jane Santinelli and Bill Braun will interview semifinalists (Karen Krone will be an alternate if necessary).

The Screening Committee will consist of two School Committee members, two principals, three teacher representatives (ensuring that one is an SEA representative), an L-S School Committee representative, one community member, and three parents (ensuring one is a representative of the Special Needs Advisory Council).

#### **Open Forum II**

No comments.

### **III. Communications**

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Rich Robison also presented a letter from Maureen Valente inviting a School Committee member to a Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, October 22 to discuss the FY'04 budget requests. Bill Braun will attend.

#### **IV. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Karen Krone, to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2002 Regular Meeting with the following change: page 2, III. Communications, letter from Raytheon - change "technology" to "education reform." The vote was 4-0 in favor.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Karen Krone, to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2002 Special Meeting as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

#### **V. Personnel Action**

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

#### **Member's Forum**

Eula Walsh thanked the Committee for accommodating the SEA on the Superintendent's search.

Karen Krone reported on a recent decision by the Lincoln School Committee to refuse admittance of a child of an L-S teacher to the Lincoln Schools. This goes against a history of reciprocity between Lincoln, Sudbury, and L-S to allow staff members of Lincoln and Sudbury Schools to send their kids to Sudbury or Lincoln schools. In response, the L-S School Committee has invited a representative from the Sudbury School Committee to continue discussions around this matter. The School Committee expressed continued belief in and support of the ongoing agreement as it has existed between L-S and Sudbury Public Schools for the past 40 years. The Committee is committed to this agreement and is interested in continued discussion. To that end, Karen Krone will attend future meetings in an effort to keep the Committee abreast of the situation.

Bill Braun reported on an article in the Cape Cod Times regarding Barnstable students riding the bus without paying bus fees.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 11:10 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary