

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
February 5, 2003**

Present: Rich Robison, Chairperson, Karen Krone, Vice Chairperson
Members: Jane Santinelli, Kathy Precourt
Also Present: William J. Hurley, Superintendent, Paul Funk, Director of
Business & Finance, Jean Foster, SEA

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

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Update on Housing Authority Land Proposal

The Superintendent reported that amended wording on warrant articles concerning the Housing Authority Land Proposal is forthcoming.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognitions

The Superintendent recognized, on behalf of Patti Grenier, the following staff members for their efforts on the recent Professional Development Day: Beth Brown, Kate Gentile, and Carole Hebb-Inclusion Practices Workshop; Christine Rysz-Grade 4 Social Studies Workshop; Becky Drake Hedin-Grade 2 Social Studies Workshop; Janet Hammonds and Janet Root- Kindergarten Geography workshop; Cathy Dill and Asa Dye- Physical Education Workshop.

The Superintendent also recognized, on behalf of Patti Grenier, Sarah Guernsey,

Christine Rysz, Laura Burney, and Linda Goldner, for their efforts on conducting evening mathematics workshops for parents.

New Items

The Superintendent distributed an invitation to the Committee to the Annual EDCO Legislative Forum.

The Superintendent reported on a recent incident at Haynes that involved a pipe breaking. The Superintendent credited the Fire Department for their quick response and also thanked Paul Funk, Bill Braun and the custodial staff who responded for their efforts.

B. Budget Update

The Superintendent and Jane Santinelli reported on recent meetings with Town and L-S officials regarding the budget. A 0% increase means about a \$225,000 shortfall for all cost centers combined, which would mean about 50% for the schools (\$95,000). The Committee discussed the possibility of an override and the resulting allocation among the three cost centers. There is a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2003 to discuss the Budget. Kathy Precourt will attend.

C. Update on Middle School Principal and Director of Business and Finance Searches

The Superintendent reported he will put together a search committee for the Middle School Principal and conduct interviews on 2/26 and 2/27, after February vacation. The committee will be comprised of middle school teachers, PTO representatives, and a School Committee representative. If members are interested in serving on the Committee, please contact the Superintendent.

Applications are coming in for the Director of Business & Finance position.

D. Landscaping Beautification Sign

The Superintendent reported on a request for a sign to be posted at Haynes School regarding a landscaping company placing a sign at Haynes. The Superintendent will inform the Haynes Principal to send a letter of thanks to the newspaper and not allow posting of a sign on school property.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

The Superintendent reported on a new law mandating CORI checks for any adults having contact with children, including all employees, volunteers, etc.

CORI checks need to be done every three years. The Policy Manual will need to be modified to reflect this effort.

As outlined in the Communications Packet. In addition, Rich Robison presented the following:

- A request from MASC for e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc. for Committee members
- A letter from the Mass. Coalition for Authentic Reform in Education requesting support to allow seniors to graduate despite not passing the MCAS
- A list of Chairs for Town Committees
- A Boston Globe article on John Brackett's recent appointment as Superintendent

Karen Krone presented a thank you from Rita Skog for the recent gift from the Committee and a thank you letter from Andre Ravenelle. Ed Gotgart requested a letter of reference from the Committee. Karen will write it.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Karen Krone, to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2003 Executive Session, and the January 22, 2003 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

There was no Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Rich Robison expressed that the Sudbury community is fortunate compared to other area communities regarding budgets who have cut programs, such as early literacy, school nurses, etc.

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 4-0 in favor. The time was 9:25 p.m.

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison
Yes Karen Krone
Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary