

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Special Meeting
January 15, 2003**

Present: Rich Robison, Chairperson, Karen Krone, Vice Chairperson
Members: Bill Braun, Kathy Precourt, Jane Santinelli

Rich Robison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Rich introduced Dr. Mag Giffune, from the Uxbridge Public Schools, a finalist for the Superintendent's position. Committee Members posed questions to Dr. Giffune.

What do you see as key challenges you would face in your transition from Uxbridge to Sudbury? What elements of your leadership style will be important?

What measures have you found successful in terms of effective communication with administrators, staff and parents?

What approaches do you see to limit the impact of current financial difficulties on educational quality?

What methods have you used to establish relationships with other community members, boards, and various groups and how do you measure success in those relationships?

What do you see as the challenges of continuing to strive to improve academic excellence in the face of budget reductions and personnel changes (hiring of a new superintendent, a new business manager, and a new middle school principal)?

Regarding Special Education, what approaches have you found effective to meet the education objectives of diverse students and be able to work in the context of restrictions?

What are your priorities for your own professional development?

Regarding MCAS, what would you do in a district that is already performing at a high level?

How did you accomplish the increase in staff morale noted in Uxbridge?

Being so successful in Uxbridge, why would you want to be superintendent here in Sudbury? How does it fit into your vision of your career path?

How does being in a K-8 district challenge your leadership or your perception of the role of Superintendent?

What are your thoughts regarding your relationship with the School Committee?

How do you map on to Sudbury's Mission, Vision and Strategic Planning?

Can you speak to maintaining leadership and trust through the negotiations process?

Questions/comments from Dr. Giffune:

What is the relationship between the K-8 system and the high school?

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 8:05 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary