

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Special Meeting
January 16, 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. John Brackett, from the Lake Shores, Michigan Public Schools, a finalist for the Superintendent's position. Committee Members posed questions to Dr. Brackett.

What do you see as key challenges transitioning from Michigan to Massachusetts? What elements of your leadership style will be important? What personal adjustments will you have to make?

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

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

How have you established relationships with other community members, boards, and various groups and how do you measure success in those relationships?

How will you lead the system through these challenging times, keeping in mind the hiring of a new superintendent, a new business manager, and a new middle school principal, while continuing to strive for academic excellence in the face of difficult financial times?

What do you see as the challenges of Special Education? Can you talk to the issue of philosophies and approaches? How have you been able to work with the special education population to meet their educational objectives within the context of budget constraints?

What are your priorities for your own professional development?

Why would you like to be K-8 superintendent here in Sudbury? How does it fit into your vision of your career path?

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

What are your thoughts regarding standardized testing? Does it represent what students need to know? How would you use the results?

How do you approach the negotiations process?

Questions/comments from Dr. Brackett

What are your expectations in terms of the superintendent's involvement in the larger community (state and national level)?

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