

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2003**

Present: Bill Braun, Chairperson, Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson
Members: Rich Robison, Susan Iuliano, Alexa Crowe
Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent,
Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Bill Braun called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent thanked the School Committee and Bill Hurley for their efforts in hiring the new administrators.

Introductions

The Superintendent introduced Bob Milley as the new Assistant Superintendent and Mary Will as the new Director of Business and Finance. Bob and Mary gave brief introductions. The Superintendent also introduced Kathy Codianne, Curtis Principal and Kristin Moffat, Assistant Principal at Noyes School.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

There was no Bill Schedule.

B. School Committee Liaisons and Subcommittees

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the Subcommittee and Liaison assignments as agreed by Committee members. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Donation

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept

the donation of a computer and related equipment from Robert Stanley, The vote was 5-0 in favor.

II. Superintendent's Report

B. Report on Title I

The Superintendent reported that Sudbury is eligible for Title I funds in the amount of approximately \$124,000. Bob Milley explained the application process and how the funds can be used. He will investigate the process further and provide more information to the Committee.

C. Proposal for new Special Education Program at Curtis

Debbie Dixon outlined a proposal for a new Special Education Program at Curtis Middle School to meet the needs of a small cohort of students whose needs would not be met through existing programs. Debbie also explained the funding for this position which has the full support of the Administrative Leadership Team.

D. Leadership, Change, Transition to Success

The Superintendent outlined his vision for a successful transition to the new leadership team. He highlighted his ideas around communication, team building, school committee meetings, and entry plans for District Administrators. The Committee discussed the challenges/issues of communicating by e-mail. A workshop/retreat for the Superintendent and School Committee members will be considered for the fall.

E. Vote on C.A.S.E. Agreement Language Change

The Superintendent explained the need to change the language of the C.A.S.E. Agreement which would allow C.A.S.E. to appoint a treasurer that may not be from a member town or school district. The Superintendent will get more information on this issue. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Bill Braun reported that the Finance Committee has requested a review of the contracts of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School District and the Sudbury School District.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Rich Robison, to accept

the minutes of the May 14, 2003 Regular and Executive Sessions. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2003 Regular Meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Mary Mahoney reported on the history of Title I in Sudbury.

Rich Robison reported on a proposal for exempting special needs students from the MCAS. He also reported that the Circuit Breaker account has been fully funded.

Susan Iuliano reported on the progress of the Property Tax Equity Review Committee.

Bill Braun reported that a driveway will be put in behind Nixon School but may not be done before September.

Debbie Dixson reported on the summer program being implemented for Special Needs students. The NECC program is up and running and going well. She also reported on staff members attending IEP training.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:50 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun
Yes Jane Santinelli
Yes Rich Robison
Yes Alexa Crowe
Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary