

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
March 12, 2003**

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, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Beth Brown, SEA

Rich Robison called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Open Forum I

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized Curtis Middle School student, Warren Porter, who recently won, for the second year in a row, the Curtis Spelling Bee, and has qualified for the State finals.

B. New Middle School Extracurricular Activities

The Superintendent recommended a proposal to add Cross Country, Spring Track and School Newspaper as additional after school activities for the 2003-2004 school year. Dr. Kevin Plodzick and Tom Lopez were in attendance to explain how these additional activities would be funded.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to add Cross Country, Spring Track and School Newspaper activities to the Middle School, contingent upon successful negotiations with the SEA and provided it is within the parameters of the budget. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Budget Update

The Superintendent explained that the potential impact of the Governor's budget would result in the need for an additional \$400,000 reduction to the Town (approximately \$200,000 could be the Schools' share) in addition to the reductions necessary in the Finance Committee's budget (approximately \$250,000 for the Schools). This would result in about a \$450,000 reduction necessary before any negotiations settlement and decisions regarding the Circuit Breaker

funds. The Superintendent presented several scenarios from the Administrative Leadership Team for reductions. The Committee discussed these scenarios in detail.

D. Administrative Search Updates

The Superintendent updated the Committee on the following searches:

- Middle School Principal - Three finalists have been identified and site visits are being conducted.

- Business Manager - 6 people have been interviewed and two strong candidates have been identified.

- Assistant Superintendent - This position has been advertised and resumes are being received.

E. 2003-2004 School Calendar

Patti Grenier presented a School Calendar for 2003-2004.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to accept the calendar as presented with a starting date for teachers of September 2 and a starting date for students of September 3. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Donation to Sudbury Public Schools

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept a cash donation of \$250 from David Hendry. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. School Committee Policy on Animals in the Classroom

This item will be placed on the Agenda for vote at the next meeting.

D. Subcommittee Report on Superintendent's Evaluation

Jane Santinelli reported the Superintendent's Evaluation was progressing, and it will be presented at the next School Committee Meeting.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2003 Regular Meeting with the following change:
Members' Forum: delete the first sentence and add, "Rich Robison reported on the State reorganization which splits the State Executive Office of Health and Human Services into three separate organizational clusters." The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Karen Krone announced that a Reception for Bill Hurley, Patti Grenier, Paul Funk, and Kevin Plodzik will be held on Wednesday, June 4, at the Goodnow Library from 4-6 p.m.

Bill Braun reported that the Housing Authority will not be requesting approval for the development of specific sites for low income housing.

Jane Santinelli reported she had recently attended an EDCO discussion that centered around principal hiring, override procedures, and CORI checks.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 11:30 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Yes Bill Braun
Yes Jane Santinelli
Yes Rich Robison
Yes Karen Krone
Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary