

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
March 26, 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 Dixon, SPED Administrator, Jean Foster, SEA

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

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Recognition**

The Superintendent recognized 7th grade Boy Scouts Jason Mariasis and Tom Wurm who are working on their Merit Badge and were present to learn about the School Committee and the Budget process.

Mary Mahoney, on behalf of the SEA, thanked Karen Krone and Kathy Precourt for their years of service on the School Committee.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Collective Bargaining to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

*The Regular Session resumed at 8:06 p.m.*

Rich Robison announced that the School Committee has accepted the terms of the SEA contract ratification.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Recognition**

The Superintendent announced that all performances of the Curtis play "Annie" have been sold out. He congratulated the staff and students who have participated.

The Superintendent announced that Noyes Assistant Principal, Tracey Mara, has been named Principal of the Upham Elementary School in Wellesley.

The Superintendent recognized the Negotiations Team for their efforts and sense of collaboration on the recent contract negotiations.

### **Open Forum I**

No comments.

### **I. School Committee Report**

#### **A. Bill Schedule**

A Bill Schedule was presented.

#### **B. School Committee Policy on Animals in Classrooms**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the policy on animals in the classroom as amended.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept the policy with the following change: Bullet #2, change first sentence to read, "Animals that are integral to a District-approved curriculum unit are permitted only after careful review of the potential for an allergic reaction by any students in that class, and the animals will remain in the class only for the duration of the teaching unit." The vote was 5-0 in favor.

#### **C. Superintendent's Evaluation**

Bill Braun reported that the Superintendent has read and agreed to the Superintendent's Evaluation. Bill Braun read the evaluation. The Superintendent expressed his thanks to students, parents, staff, and School Committee members for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of Sudbury for 8 years.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the Superintendent's Evaluation with the following change: page 2, paragraph 5, add information regarding the Noyes School renovation. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

#### **D. Summary of Discussion Regarding Town Meeting**

Rich Robison reported on a recent Selectmen's meeting with the Finance

Committee, the School Committee and the L-S School Committee to discuss the Budget situation in the State and its impact on Town Meeting. This discussion will continue next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

## **II. Superintendent's Report**

### **B. Budget**

Paul Funk distributed possible scenarios for budget reductions. The Superintendent reported that the Administrative Leadership Team has come to consensus on Scenario #5 which shows a reduction of \$712,850. An additional reduction in State Aid may be factored in for a possible total reduction of \$900,000.

### **C. Update on Search Process**

The Superintendent updated the Committee on current searches.

There are 2 finalists for the Middle School Principal position.

There are 2 finalists for the Business Manager position.

Applications are being received for Assistant Superintendent.

The Superintendent requested direction from the Committee on filling the position of Assistant Principal for Noyes. The sense of the Committee was to hold off on posting this position due to current budgetary constraints.

## **Open Forum II**

Maggie Brewer, Old Forge Lane, thanked the School Committee and the Administrative Team for continuing to support the Instrumental Music Program. She proposed an idea for a fundraiser - a wish list of things that people could donate.

## **III. Communications**

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

- A notice from Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane regarding HIPA Privacy rules.
- A telephone communication from Officer Rocky regarding an accident in front of Nixon School that caused a traffic jam at the entrance of the School. Rich will have Officer Rocky write a letter explaining the incident. Paul Funk will get a cost estimate for a second access road to the property. Bill Braun will contact the Permanent Building Committee.

Karen Krone presented a letter of recommendation for NESDEC. Please contact

Karen with any changes.

**IV. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2003 Regular Session and the February 26, 2003 Executive Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**V. Personnel Action**

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

**Member's Forum**

Jean Foster thanked the Committee, on behalf of the SEA, for the positive collaboration experienced during the contract negotiations.

Kathy Precourt and Karen Krone commented on their positive experience as part of the School Committee.

Bill Hurley thanked Karen and Kathy for their contributions to the School Committee.

Bill Hurley informed the Committee that Officer Rocky acts as Sudbury's Truancy Officer without compensation. The Superintendent recommended the Committee authorize a small stipend for this service. The Committee agreed.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 11:00 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary