

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 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, John DeRusha, SEA

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

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized Ron Eckel, Loring Principal, who is a recipient of a 2003 Educational Excellence Award.

The Superintendent introduced Mary Will, the new Director of Business & Finance and Kathy Codianne, Principal-elect for Curtis Middle School.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A Bill Schedule was presented.

B. 2003-2004 Schedule of School Committee Meetings

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept the 2003-2004 School Committee Meeting Calendar as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Property Tax Equity Review Committee

Susan Iuliano volunteered to serve on the Property Tax Equity Review Committee.

Committee members are encouraged to solicit interest from the community and

bring names of interested people to the next meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report

B. The New England Center for Children

Debbie Dixon explained a new inclusion model to be housed at Noyes School.

This program is necessitated by a cohort of autistic preschool students who will be moving into Kindergarten next year. This model is based on the New England Center for Children's ABA model and will be in partnership with NECC.

C. 2003-2004 School Calendar

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the 2003-2004 School Calendar as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

D. Scheduling of Recreational Activities

There was no recollection among Committee members about a 1997 agreement regarding not scheduling sports activities during religious worship times. The K-8 system does not typically schedule athletic activities on Friday nights or Sundays mornings.

E. Budget

The Committee discussed the current scenario of Budget reductions.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

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

- a letter from a student regarding the "No Animals in Classrooms" policy
- an announcement that Scott Harshbarger has joined the firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & LeHane

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2003 meeting as presented.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Alexa Crowe attended a recent EDCO meeting.

Patti Grenier noted the anxiety level of people across the district due to budget reductions and upcoming changes in administration. Karen suggested a letter from the School Committee be sent to the staff. Bill Braun will draft a letter.

Rich Robison reported on policy issues that are pending regarding the reauthorization of IDEA and allowing schools to remove students for behavior regardless of disability issues. Rich also noted the recent effort to exempt Special Education students from MCAS.

Bill Hurley announced there are four finalists for the Assistant Superintendent position.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to adjourn to Executive Sessions for purposes of Collective Bargaining and Negotiations, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 9:45 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary