

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2003**

Present: Bill Braun, Chairperson, Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson
Members: Rich Robison, Alexa Crowe, Susan Iuliano (at 10:00)
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 7:40 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Donation to Sudbury Public Schools

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept a donation of a computer and related equipment from Ken and Kathy Zito. The committee expressed their thanks to the Zito's. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

C. Amendment to School Committee Policy 3.2.2

D. Amendment to School Committee Policy 3.2.4

E. Amendment to School Committee Policy 4.2.4.2

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to amend the above-named School Committee Policies as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

There were no recognitions to report.

B. MCAS Report, ELA and Math

Jan Binus, ELA Curriculum Specialist, and Sarah Guernsey, Math Curriculum Specialist, were present to review the 2003 MCAS results. They highlighted areas of concern and recommendations for next steps.

C. 2004-2005 School Calendar

The Superintendent presented two versions of the 2004-2005 School Calendar, one with a pre-Labor Day start and one with a post-Labor Day start. Lincoln-Sudbury will be starting after Labor Day. This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

D. 2005 Enrollment

The Superintendent presented enrollment projections of 3,133 for the 2004-2005 school year. The Superintendent also reported that the current enrollment is 3058 as of November, 2003.

E. Budget Projections

Mary Will presented an initial projection for the FY 2005 Budget. The Superintendent reported on recent action by the State on Circuit Breaker Funding. The net result was a positive one for Sudbury in terms of funding received vs. amount budgeted, however based on the original funding formula of 75%, Sudbury is still underfunded by over \$400,000.

F. Superintendent's Goals

The Superintendent presented his goals for the 2003-2004 school year. 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.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2003 Regular Session with the following change: under Member's Forum, change "Annual Yearly Progress" to "Adequate Yearly Progress." The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Jane Santinelli presented the option of joining the Suburban Coalition, a group of area communities that bring suburban issues to the Legislature. The Superintendent will investigate the issue further.

Susan Iuliano updated the Committee on PTERC issues.

Mary Mahoney thanked John Brackett for attending sporting events at the Middle School.

Bob Milley enjoyed the administrative retreat.

Alexa Crowe reported that the Superintendent was a guest reader to first and second grade students and the reaction from both students and parents was very positive.

Rich Robison reported that the reauthorization of IDEA is moving forward.

Bill Braun spoke about his desire to have frequent, joint meetings with the Lincoln-Sudbury School Committee.

John Brackett reported on a joint meeting between Curtis teachers and Lincoln-Sudbury teachers. He also distributed a formal report on the School Committee Administrative Retreat. This report will be discussed at a future meeting. John distributed a list of buildable affordable housing sites from the Sudbury Blue Ribbon Housing Site Selection Committee.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Collective Bargaining, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 11:05 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary