

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
October 1, 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 Dixon, SPED Administrator, Mary Mahoney, SEA

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

**Open Forum I**

No comments.

**I. School Committee Report**

**C. PTRC**

Susan Iuliano and Karen Darmer updated the Committee on the recent activity of PTRC. A subcommittee has concluded that there is a pattern of people that, as they age, move out of town, although this pattern has been constant for the past twenty years. They also concluded that a connection cannot be made between those people moving and the tax rate. The group is considering taking a needs-based approach to a tax relief program. The Committee thanked Susan and Karen for their efforts on this issue.

**A. Bill Schedule**

A Bill Schedule was presented.

**B. Donations to Sudbury Public Schools**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept a trumpet from Heather Davis and a Rocking Chair from Susanne Johnson. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**D. School Committee/Administrative Retreat Update**

No update to report.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Recognition**

No recognitions to report.

## **B. 2003 MCAS Results**

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent gave a summary of the 2003 MCAS results. The data is currently being analyzed to provide information on how we can improve curriculum and instruction. Sudbury students continue to exceed the State average and are comparable to the EDCO communities.

Additional information will be presented at a future meeting.

## **C. Title I Program**

The Assistant Superintendent presented a more detailed overview of the Title One Proposal, including delivery models. If the program proves successful, the School Committee will look to expand the program in all elementary schools.

The grant will be written and submitted.

## **D. Policy 3.2.2. Health and Certification Requirements**

Recent State law has repealed the requirement of pre-employment tuberculosis screening. The Superintendent recommended that we not require the testing

The current Policy need not be changed. Susan Iuliano will prepare a draft of a Policy Manual change to reflect the implications of this change to substitute teachers hired in the District.

## **Open Forum II**

No comments.

## **III. Communications**

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Of particular note was a packet of information regarding the nutritional value of school lunches. Rita Skog, Food Service Manager, has hired a consultant to look at ways to make school lunches more nutritious.

## **IV. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2003 Regular Session with the following change: Member's Forum: change "Susan Iuliano was involved in some focus group discussions..." to "Susan Iuliano attended one of the focus group discussions..." The vote was 5-0 in favor.

## **V. Personnel Action**

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

## **Member's Forum**

Rich Robison shared an issue regarding a possible conflict of interest with School Committee members participating in a vote to increase fees if it included a

family member. Rich also reported that the Legislature is putting forward an amendment regarding an appeals process for special needs students regarding the MCAS and that the IDEA Reauthorization is moving forward and should be in draft form by next week.

Bob Milley reported the State is coming out with a video on No Child Left Behind to communicate information to the public.

Mary Mahoney thanked John Brackett and Bob Milley for their attendance at the annual SEA golf outing. She also commented on the 8th grade Social Studies MCAS results.

Joanne Bleiler commented on the school lunch program and expressed concern regarding its nutritional content.

Bill Braun commented on his efforts to improve relationships with the L-S School Committee. It was suggested that the Committee could have a place on its agenda for a report from an L-S representative.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano , 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 10:10 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary