

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
September 3, 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 Dixson, SPED Administrator, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Bill Braun called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Open Forum I
No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Work and Planning Session

The Committee discussed the possibility and purpose of a School Committee/ administrative retreat, possibly to be facilitated by NESDEC (this service was included in the contract to hire a new superintendent). Saturday, October 25 was tentatively selected as the date. Topics for discussion may include team building, the Strategic Plan, how the School Committee evaluates itself, what should the Superintendent's goals be and what is the evaluation process?

C. FinCom Compensation Survey Update

Bill Braun explained the Finance Committee's recent initiative of examining the contracts of comparable school districts. They will be looking at salaries, work rules, percent of benefits, and longevity.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized Mary Will for completing the certification for School Business Official.

B. First Day of School Report

The Superintendent reported on a very successful first day of school. Some minor bus issues presented themselves.

C. Enrollment Update

The Superintendent presented enrollment figures as of 9/3/03, noting some areas of concern. System-wide, the enrollment is up 59 students over 2002.

D. Update on Facility Issues and Summer Maintenance Project

Mary Will updated the Committee on facility projects that have been completed over the summer. There is a mold issue at Noyes. Dehumidifiers have been installed. An environmental consultant reported an elevated level of nontoxic mold. Air quality tests will be conducted again this week.

Bill Braun reported on the issue of installing a second driveway at Nixon School. Bill will follow up with neighbors to inform them of the plan.

E. Transition Goals and Central Office Entry Plans

The Superintendent presented a draft of goals of the new central administrative team.

F. Curtis Middle School Housemaster

The Superintendent announced the appointment of Eula Walsh as the 7th Grade Housemaster. Eula will continue to serve as a classroom teacher until that position is filled.

G. Vote on C.A.S.E. Agreement Language Change

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe , seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve a change in the C.A.S.E. Agreement related to the option of hiring a Treasurer that may not be from a member town or school district. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

There was no Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2003 as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Bill Braun recognized John Brackett, Bob Milley, and Mary Will for their time and effort in getting the school year off to a great start.

Rich Robison requested an update on the Title I application. Bob Milley will draft a proposal and will be attending an informational meeting sponsored by the State.

Alexa Crowe received positive feedback from teachers on opening day.

Mary Will expressed her appreciation to be able to participate in the first day of school activities.

Mary Mahoney asked about a joint meeting between teacher associations, superintendents, and school committees with state representatives that is usually held in the fall. No information was available.

Debbie Dixson went to a DOE sponsored training on funding for in-district and out-of-district placements.

Susan Iuliano reported on the progress of the Property Tax Equity Committee. She will report more information at future meetings as it becomes available.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Rich Robison, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:25 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary