

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 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, Bob Mealey, 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. Donations to Sudbury Public Schools

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept a donation of a Laser Printer and related equipment from Alan Bergstein. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. School Committee/Administrative Retreat Update

The Superintendent updated the Committee. After an initial meeting with NESDEC regarding facilitating the workshop, it was determined that further options should be explored. The Superintendent presented a draft agenda for the retreat for Committee members' input. October 25th was confirmed as the date. The time and location are yet to be determined.

D. Sudbury Public Schools/L-S Relationship Update

Bill Braun reported on recent L-S School Committee meetings he has attended.

Bill highlighted some common elements that the Sudbury Public Schools and L-S has (ie goal setting, budget, curriculum, buses, etc.); therefore, efforts should be made to enhance our relationship with L-S.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2003, regarding Chapter 70 funding at L-S. School Committee members were encouraged to check their calendars for availability.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

No Recognitions to report.

B. Title I Program Report

Bob Milley updated the Committee on the Title I funding grant proposal. A task force has been formed to look at needs in Sudbury and develop a program to address them within the Title I guidelines. Bob outlined proposals for the expenditure of these funds at Loring Elementary School and Curtis Middle School.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2003 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

The Curtis 6th Grade Teacher interviews are moving along.

Member's Forum

Mary Will distributed paperwork on behalf of the Town Manager and the Capital Improvement Committee on a Capital Improvement Program for FY 2006-2009.

Susan Iuliano attended one of the focus group discussions with Seniors in town. She commended John Brackett and Bob Milley on organizing the discussions.

Jane Santinelli submitted a newsletter article regarding budget issues. Jane reported that the first EDCO Board meeting will be on 9/25 from 8:30-11:00 at Bentley College. The topic will be ELL issues.

John Brackett reported on a recent decision to revisit the new Fire Regulations.

John reported on recent meetings he's had with the Seniors in town. The Seniors in attendance were very supportive of education, however, they do need information regarding the cost of education. John updated the Committee on a

recent meeting with Town Administrators regarding budgeting, budget presentations, information sharing, etc. They also discussed human resource support and the cost of health benefits. MCAS scores were received today.

Alexa Crowe announced that EDCO will be holding orientation sessions for new School Committee members.

Bob Milley reported that the Instrumental Music program will be starting soon.

Bob Mealey noted changes in SEA leadership. New leaders are looking forward to establishing a collaborative relationship with the School Committee and Central Office Administrators.

Bill Braun reported that the FinCom-sponsored analysis of compensation packages is being compiled. It should be completed by year end.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 9:45 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Alexa Crowe

Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary