



**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 25, 2004**

**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, Beth Brown, 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. Decision on Nixon Plot**

Steve Swanger of the Housing Authority was present to discuss options for the parcel of land at the Nixon School to be transferred for housing purposes. Bill Place will be asked to consider another option of keeping the westernmost boundary as east and north as possible and still be able to fit two units, while staying in character with the neighborhood. Committee members will then walk the site again to better understand the new proposed property lines.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Recognitions**

The Superintendent recognized several staff members (who were recognized at the Professional Development Day) for their years of service with Sudbury and in education.

The Superintendent recognized parents Vikki Jacobson and Maile Hulihan for their efforts in co-chairing the Haynes Colonial Festival.

The Superintendent recognized Phil Irving, Physical Education Teacher at Curtis Middle School, who was inducted into the Coaches' Hall of Fame by the

Massachusetts State Hockey High School Coaches Association.

**B. Social Studies Curriculum Report**

Jane Hundley, Social Studies Curriculum Specialist, gave a presentation outlining Sudbury's Social Studies curriculum.

**C. Early Childhood Program**

Linda Karpeichik, Early Childhood Specialist, gave a presentation on Early Childhood Education in Sudbury. The Superintendent will move forward with developing a process to study and implement full day kindergarten.

**D. 2004-2005 Budget Update**

The Committee reviewed the 3% Budget as voted. The Superintendent reviewed current Kindergarten registrations at each school for next year. These enrollments will be watched carefully. The Superintendent cautioned that the 3% Budget does not guarantee that reductions will not be needed. There are still unknown factors such as Special Education costs, changes in Circuit Breaker funding, etc.

**Open Forum II**

No comments.

**III. Communications**

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

Dr. Brackett commented on a letter from the Lincoln School Committee to encourage the Governor to reinstate money for the METCO Program.

**VOTED:** On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to support the letter from the Lincoln School Committee to the Governor and appropriate legislators requesting the reinstatement of METCO funds. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**IV. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2004 Regular Session and the January 30, 2004 Special Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**V. Personnel Action**

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

**Member's Forum**

Rich Robison reported that there is a strong likelihood that the Federal Special Education legislation will be debated in March.

Bob Milley reported that the Professional Development Day was a success.

Dr. Brackett updated the Committee regarding the egress at Nixon School. The bus company has some questions that Dr. Brackett will discuss with Bill Place.

Mary Will reported that bids are going out for the fencing at Curtis.

**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 10:50 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Alexa Crowe

Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary