

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 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, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Jane Santinelli called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Open Forum I

Steve Swanger of the Housing Authority was present to coordinate a walk of the Newbridge Road property for purposes of delineating property lines for a parcel of land to be transferred for housing purposes. Available Committee members will meet Bill Place on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 9:15 a.m. at Nixon School.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Mid-Year Look At:

1. Goals and Strategies

The Superintendent presented information aligning the District Transition Goals along with the goals of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Finance Director. The Superintendent outlined the specific areas of focus and provided a current status of each.

2. Meeting Frequency and Content

Committee members and administrators felt that the current frequency of School Committee meetings is adequate.

C. Preparation for Town Meeting

1. School Committee Presentation

The School Committee's preference is for the Town Manager to present an overview of the entire budget. The School Committee will coordinate with other cost centers on a more detailed presentation of the K-8 budget. Bill Braun and Dr. Brackett will make the presentation.

2. PTERC Update

Susan Iuliano and Mark Collins reported that the Property Tax Relief Article has been placed on a non-binding advisory ballot for the March 29th election. The Finance Committee is not in support of the Article. After some debate regarding whether or not the School Committee will support the Article, members were asked to consider it further. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

No recognitions were reported.

B. SPED Transportation

Debbie Dixson presented an option of contracting with CASE Collaborative to provide transportation to our out of district students and the students in the NECC Program.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to join the CASE Collaborative Transportation Network. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2004 Regular Session with the following amendment: page 2, III. Communications: add "and appropriate legislators" after the word "Governor" in the motion; and the February 25, 2004 Executive Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Dr. Brackett reported on successful meetings he and Jane Santinelli recently had with the Haynes parent community regarding class size guidelines and the budget.

Jane Santinelli asked for input on the upcoming newsletter. Bob Milley will work on it.

Susan Iuliano presented Dr. Brackett with a Destination Imagination t-shirt and reported that the Sudbury teams are going to the finals this weekend.

Debbie Dixson reported that the Parent Advisory Council web site will soon be up and running. She also reported that she has worked with Kathy Codianne, Curtis Principal, to set up a transition process for special ed students entering the Middle School. Debbie also reported that efforts are underway to educate the local Police Department regarding special needs children in town.

Mary Mahoney thanked Dr. Brackett and Bob Milley for attending the SEA Executive Board meeting.

Alexa Crowe reported that the Charter School in Maynard has been approved.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Rich Robison, 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