

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2004**

Present: Bill Braun, Chairperson (at 7:40 p.m.), Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson

Members: Rich Robison (at 8:15 p.m.), 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 7:35 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill Schedule was presented.

B. Donation to Sudbury Public Schools

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept a donation of an Alpha Smart laptop by Lareen Byrne. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

C. Review of Sudbury Annual Town Report

Bob Milley presented a draft of the School Department's Annual Report. Any suggested changes should be given to Bob by next week.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

There were no recognitions to report.

B. Sargent Camp Trip

The Superintendent presented an outline of the Curtis Middle School 8th grade trip to Sargent Camp and recommended its approval.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to approve the Curtis Middle School 8th Grade Sargent Camp Trip as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

C. PreSchool Issues

Linda Karpeichik, Preschool Coordinator, reported that the number of preschool children in general is increasing and there is an increase in the numbers of children with moderate to severe needs. Numbers of Referrals, the complexity of needs, and the hours that staff devotes to evaluations has increased.

Projections for the upcoming year indicate that preschool enrollment could exceed capacity by January/February 2005. Linda asked the Committee to consider future increases to the program. Suggestions include a central location for the preschool and an increase in service/space to meet the range of needs.

The Committee asked Linda to make some projections of preschool enrollment for the next 3-5 years. The Superintendent reported that a meeting was held with L-S to investigate possible use of space at the high school. Other ideas discussed were churches and town buildings.

D. FY '06 Budget

The Superintendent presented the FY '06 Budget. The key driver for the budget is enrollment growth. The Superintendent presented historical enrollment data and projections for next year. He outlined a budget based on both level staff (3%) and level service (about 4%). He will also outline a third option that reflects some restoration of services (5%).

E. Teacher-Leader Concept

The Superintendent introduced the idea of a Teacher-Leader at Nixon School to address the growing population of students, in lieu of adding an Assistant Principal position. The Teacher-Leader would assume some day to day management/ administrative duties. This position could be included in other schools as needed.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outline in the Communication Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2004 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Alexa Crowe reported that the Metrics Project between Lincoln and Sudbury has been terminated.

Mary Will distributed information regarding costs of portable classrooms.

Rich Robison reported that Congress passed IDEA.

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 11:25 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary