

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 6, 2004**

Present: Bill Braun, Chairperson, Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson

Members: Rich Robison, Susan Iuliano

Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent,

Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Jean Foster, 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.

II. Superintendent's Report

B. School Improvement Plans - Haynes, Loring and Nixon

Susan Carlson, Haynes Principal, presented the Haynes School Improvement Plan.

Ron Eckel, Loring Principal; Julie Fitzgerald, PTO Co-Chair; Dawn McNair, 1st Grade Teacher; Mike Reiner, Loring Parent; Reva Klein, Loring Parent; and Kim Taylor, presented the Loring School Improvement Plan.

Rita Bissonnette-Clark, Nixon Principal, presented the Nixon School Improvement Plan.

Rich Robison identified some common themes among the presentations: Technology, Achievement Gap/Subgroups, Bullying, Student Leadership, Growth & Space,

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the School Improvement Plans as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

I. School Committee Report

B. Update on St. Anselm Property

Susan Iuliano requested direction from the Committee regarding its interest in the property. Dr. Brackett distributed a draft position paper. Benefits to purchasing

the property could be the freeing up of other municipal space for school use.

The Committee feels that, at this time, there is no definitive school use compelling enough to warrant purchasing this property.

The School Committee discussed its ongoing concern about the impact of development on school enrollment.

The School Committee approved the following statement:

The Sudbury School Committee appreciates the consideration that the Board of Selectmen has offered us in exploring the feasibility of the current St. Anselm's property for future school use. We understand that there is a strong desire of the Selectmen to include affordable housing as part of any future use plan for the property.

We believe the site may have potential as part of a municipal plan that may make other municipal locations available for future school needs. The School Committee is not in a position to ask the Selectmen to make a commitment for the property based on future school needs. A bid for the property should not, at this time, include future school use as a reason for the acquisition.

We are in the process of obtaining space and growth information that would inform a decision about our future space needs. This report will not be available until later in 2004, with analysis and implications determined in early 2005.

Conversations about an Early Childhood Center reflect only ideas. We have not determined whether an early childhood center would be feasible for our space needs or would be educationally in our children's best interest.

We applaud the Board of Selectmen for their diligence and fiduciary responsibility in considering the acquisition of this property. The School Committee would like to continue to be part of the Town's study and deliberations regarding this site and a possible bid submission.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to approve the Position Paper on the St. Anselm Property as amended. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognitions

There were no recognitions reported.

C. Approval of Superintendent's 2004-05 Goals

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Rich Robison to approve

the Superintendent's Goals as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

D. Approval of Overnight Trip

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Rich Robison, to approve the 6th Grade Nature's Classroom Program as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

E. MCAS Results

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

F. Budget Drivers for FinCom Project

Susan Iuliano reported on a joint meeting between the Lincoln and Sudbury Finance Committees. The Budget Awareness Project has been canceled. The Metrics Program is still ongoing. Susan distributed a Draft of objectives and definitions of the project.

G. Space and Growth Study

Dr. Brackett reported on the data being gathered for the space inventory.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2004 Executive and Regular Sessions as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

No comments.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor. The time was 12:05

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary

