

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 8, 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

Bill Braun called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Report on “Metrics” Project

The Superintendent, Susan Iuliano and Bill Braun updated the Committee on the recently launched Metrics Project. The purpose, which is fluid at this time, may to develop benchmarks for use in budget development for Lincoln Public Schools, Sudbury Public Schools and L-S.

C. St. Anselm’s Update

Jane Santinelli and Susan Iuliano updated the Committee on a recent walkthrough of the property. No final conclusions were made. The School Committee remains interested in the property for possible future school use and would support the Town’s efforts to purchase the property.

D. Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI)

The Superintendent reported that the School Department recently received from the Sudbury Police Department notification that a Level 3 Sex Offender is residing in the community. In the absence of a policy regarding this issue, the Superintendent recommended notifying school staff of the specific offender information. In addition, the Superintendent will write a letter to parents informing them in a more general way about the existence of a Level 3 offender and where parents can get more information. The Superintendent will contact John Ritchie, L-S Superintendent, to discuss sending a joint letter to the school community.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to authorize

the Superintendent to notify the school community as recommended above. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized Mary Mahoney and resident Mike Ryder in their efforts in sending over 1600 pounds of books to children in Turks and Caicos.

B. Adoption of 2004-05 District Goals and Strategies

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to adopt the 2004-05 Improving on Excellence Goals and Strategies as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Curriculum Development Process

Bob Milley presented a draft of the Sudbury Public Schools Curriculum Development Model and a Curriculum Revision Cycle to address necessary changes. In addition, Bob presented a schedule of Math Curriculum Development Activities, which will be the focus for the current year.

Bill Braun left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

D. Report on School Opening

The Superintendent reported on a very successful opening day. There is still a need for a Special Educator at the middle school. The Superintendent also reported on a two-day administrative leadership workshop that was held before school began.

Bob Milley reported on the new teacher training, which was organized and presented by Sudbury personnel for the first time.

The Superintendent reported that the current enrollment is 3160 students, plus approximately 70 pre-school students.

The Superintendent updated the Committee on some staffing issues that have been addressed recently to provide additional support where the class size has increased. Kindergarten Teaching Assistant support was increased at Haynes.

At Nixon, a Teaching Assistant has been added at 5th Grade and Kindergarten Assistants at were increased. At Noyes, a 4th grade teaching assistant has been added. At Loring, a 4th grade teaching assistant has been added and 1st grade Genesis Assistants have been increased.

Mary Will commended the custodial and maintenance staff for the great condition of the buildings. Mary reported on maintenance projects conducted over the summer.

Mary also reported on transportation issues. CASE is now our out-of-district transportation provider and that is going very well. Food allergies are becoming more of an issue and some students with severe allergies are being transported by vans instead of buses. There are some minor issues with buses at Curtis and Nixon, and also with the Metco bus, but these issues are being worked out.

New E. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

The Superintendent informed the Committee that the State is planning a public release on Tuesday of AYP information. Sudbury met AYP in all areas in 2004 with the exception of some subgroups. Curtis has been identified for improvement because the Special Education subgroup did not meet AYP in 2003 and 2004. A letter is being drafted to be sent to the Curtis parents, which is required because Curtis is a Title I school.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2004 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Rich Robison distributed a newsletter, entitled "Pointers," (published by the Massachusetts Statewide Parent Information & Resource Center) about NCLB issues. Rich also requested that copies of all newsletters be included in the School Committee packets.

Bob Milley reported that the ELL Center has begun operation at Haynes School.

Jane Santinelli reported on several upcoming events:

- an MASC meeting this Saturday on "Safe Kids, Safe Schools"
- two upcoming meetings regarding the current SBAB Plan
- an MASC meeting October 5 regarding "School Leadership"

Jane mentioned a recent newspaper article regarding eliminating fees school are allowed to charge students. Jane commended everyone involved in the Opening Day activities.

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor. The time was 10:45 p.m.

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Alexa Crowe

Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary