

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 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 Dixon, SPED Administrator, Bob Mealey, SEA

Bill Braun 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. Sudbury FinCom Budget Awareness FY '06 Project

Susan Iuliano informed the Committee of a recent initiative by the Sudbury Finance Committee. The project is entitled Budget Awareness FY '06. The goal will be to produce a video, to be run on Channel 8, to present financial data and trends of the various cost centers to the community .

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

There were no recognitions.

B. Curtis and Noyes School Improvement Plans

Kathy Codianne, Curtis Principal, and Roselle Levy, Curtis parent, presented the Curtis School Improvement Plan. Also present were Kathy Kimball, Tom Lopez, Eula Walsh, and Patrice Hurley.

Annette Doyle, Noyes Principal, Becky Drake-Hedin, Teacher, and Kristin Moffat, Vice Principal, presented the Noyes School Improvement Plan. Also present was Wendy Casey, Noyes parent.

C. Music Festival Trip Approval

Bob Mealey, Curtis Music Teacher, presented a request for a Middle School Music Trip to Virginia. Some compliance issues need to be addressed regarding

the bus company.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to approve the Curtis Middle School Music Department trip to Williamsburg/Virginia Beach, May 5-8, 2005 as presented, provided it meets the recently revised policy standards for field trips. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

D. '05 Budget Projection and Financial Report

Mary Will presented preliminary FY '05 Budget Projections and year-to-date financial information.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Rich Robison presented two notices:

1. "Bringing Massachusetts Special Education Law Into Focus" - Newton, MA, 10/22/04
2. "Understanding Section 504 in MA: A Practical Contrast with IDEA & ADA"- Worcester, MA, 12/7/04

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2004 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-1 in favor (Bill Braun abstained).

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet. It was suggested to begin the practice of sending a letter from the School Committee acknowledging long-standing employees that leave the district. The Superintendent will investigate the issue of retirement bonuses. Bob Milley reported on efforts to fill the Assistant Technology Manager position.

Member's Forum

Rich Robison presented the Committee with the recent edition of "Pointer," the parent newsletter published by The Federation for Children with Special Needs. Rich also reported that the IDEA reauthorization is moving quickly now.

Alexa Crowe presented Sudbury Day pins to Committee members.

Bob Milley presented new Parent Curriculum Guides.

Bob Mealey mentioned that the SEA is looking forward to the start of collaboration with Central Office Administration.

Debbie Dixon reported meeting with SPED teams to look at data on individual students to further efforts to address needs.

Susan Iuliano reported on the St. Anselm's Task Force. which will initially be focused on the property for affordable housing.

Jane Santinelli presented an article from the Boston Globe regarding healthy meals.

John Brackett reported that the first meeting of the Space and Growth Task Force will be next Monday at the Senior Center at 7:30 P.M.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of preparing for negotiations with non-union personnel, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:35 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary