

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 7, 2005**

**Present:** Jane Santinelli, Chairperson, Susan Iuliano, Vice Chairperson  
**Members:** Rich Robison, Alexa Crowe  
**Also Present:** Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent, Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Melissa Morabito, SEA

Jane Santinelli called the Public Forum portion of the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Brackett gave the budget presentation.

Kris Shankar, 34 Wyman Drive, asked how we compare to surrounding communities in terms of funding. Dr. Brackett explained that 53% of our households have school-age children, which is the highest in the state. Also, 94% of our tax base is residential. Mr. Shankar asked what is being done to increase the number of students scoring in the advanced category on the MCAS Test? Dr. Brackett explained that efforts are being undertaken to begin to move students from Proficient to Advanced. Also, what are we doing to keep advanced students from going to private school? Dr. Brackett explained that Sudbury has very few students who go to private school. Bob Milley explained the District's current efforts around the math initiative and that a parent group will be organized in the spring to address these concerns.

Susan Iuliano suggested sending a notice through the schools regarding the budget and direct them to the website for further information.

The Public Forum portion was concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Jane Santinelli called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

**Open Forum I**

No comments.

**I. School Committee Report**

**A. Bill Schedule**

A bill schedule was presented.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**Recognition**

There were no recognitions to report.

**A. FY '07 Budget**

The Superintendent will be sending Committee members a proposal by the Acton-A/B District regarding Chapter 70 Aid. The proposal says that the State should provide a minimum of \$2,000 per student in Ch. 70 money. Sudbury is currently receiving about \$1100 per student.

Rich Robison suggested that the budget presentation to the Finance Committee include a summary of 3 or 4 key points.

#### **B. Building Use Fees and Revolving Fund**

Mary Will distributed the existing policy regarding the use of school buildings and a draft of a Warrant Article form for a Building Use Revolving Fund. Mary explained that schools are inconsistent in implementing this policy. Also, in response to our efforts to conserve energy, there may be a need to establish a fee-based building use policy. Currently, there is no mechanism for collecting such fees and/or paying custodians, therefore, there is a need to establish a revolving fund. The Committee discussed asking groups to make voluntary contributions to offset the cost of using the schools.

#### **C. 2006-2007 School Calendar**

Dr. Brackett presented three drafts of the 2006-2007 School Calendar. This item will be discussed at a further meeting. Conversations will continue with L-S to attempt to coordinate calendars.

#### **New Item**

On Monday, December 19, at 7:30 pm at the Fairbanks Center, a meeting will be held with the Finance Committee and L-S regarding Special Education costs and the Districts' responsibilities.

#### **Open Forum II**

No comments.

#### **III. Communications**

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

#### **IV. Minutes**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2005 Regular Meeting as amended. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

#### **V. Personnel Action**

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

#### **Member's Forum**

Bob Milley announced that there are two new ELL students from India at Curtis Middle School. Bob also provided comments from the Grade 7 Science

Teacher's Professional Growth Experience.

Melissa Morabito invited School Committee members to the Annual SEA 25 Years' of Teaching Celebration at SKY Restaurant on Friday, 12/9 at 4 p.m.

Rich Robison commented on a recent event of the Association of Special Education Administrators celebrating 30 years of special education law.

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

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary