Sudbury Public Schools Sudbury, Massachusetts School Committee Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 2, 2005

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

Members: Rich Robison, Susan Iuliano, Alexa Crowe (arrived at 8:30, left at 10:00) **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 7:40 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 Rich Robison, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the donation of sound system equipment for Noyes School by Tod and Laura Woolf. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

C. Final Demographic and Enrollment Projection Report

Donald Kennedy of NESDEC presented the final Demographic and Enrollment Projection Report.

II. Superintendent's Report

C. Math Curriculum/Instruction Review

Bob Milley, Assistant Superintendent, and Joy Cooke, Math Curriculum Specialist, outlined the process for the current Math Curriculum/Instruction Review effort.

D. Food Allergy Policy

The Superintendent reported that greater numbers of students are entering the school system with severe food allergies and therefore a draft of a food allergy policy has been proposed by the school nurses. Carol Bradford, Noyes School Nurse, was available for discussion. The Superintendent will work with Susan Iuliano on further developing the policy. A draft will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

B. FY'05 Financial Report and Budget Projection

Mary Will reviewed Actual Budget Balances and the Revised Working Budget as of 1/28/05. **VOTED:** On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to approve the Revised Working Budget as of 1/28/05. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

I. School Committee Report

D. FY '06 Budget

The Superintendent updated the Committee on recent State Budget issues regarding Ch. 70 Aid. The Superintendent and Susan Iuliano reported on recent meetings with the Town Manager, School Committee representatives from L-S and the K-8 system, and Finance Committee representatives regarding a possible override. A joint Finance Committee/Selectmen meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3 to determine if an override is necessary and the size of the issue.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

There were no recognitions.

E. Modification to 2004-2005 School Calendar

The Superintendent reported that the MCAS Long Composition is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6 which is an early release day. He requested a change in the calendar to make April 6 a full day and make April 13 an early release day.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to change the School Calendar to reflect April 6 as a full day and April 13 as an early release day. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2005 Regular Session with the following change: Member's Forum, under Rich Robison's comments, add "potential" before "negative impact." The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. <u>Personnel Action</u>

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Bob Milley informed the Committee that a teacher from Acton, working on her Master's program, is running a Technology Program after school for Title I students.

Mary Mahoney reported that the annual Basketball Bonanza will be held at the end of April.

Susan Iuliano reported that a town-wide budget forum will be held by the Finance Committee on March 21.

Jane Santinelli requested help from Susan and Bill on information regarding budget issues for the upcoming newsletters.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Negotiations Preparations, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 4-0 in favor. The time was 10:50 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary