

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2005**

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

Jane Santinelli called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A bill schedule was presented.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Haynes School Improvement Plan

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

B. Noyes School Improvement Plan

Annette Doyle, Noyes Principal, Kristen Moffat, Assistant Principal, and Jaime Dorr, Speech Pathologist, presented the Noyes School Improvement Plan.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the Haynes and Noyes School Improvement Plans as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

I. School Committee Report

B. Report on Meeting with David Bunker

Jane Santinelli reported on a recent meeting with David Bunker and Rep. Susan Pope regarding Chapter 70 Aid. "Listening Tours" are being held throughout the state regarding this issue. There is also information available on the DOE web site.

C. Designate Curtis Middle School Structured Learning Time

The Superintendent explained that the School Committee needs to set the number of hours of structured learning time at the Middle School.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to set the required Structured Learning Time at Curtis Middle School to be no less than 900 hours for the 2005-2006 school year. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

II. Superintendent's Report

Recognitions

There were no recognitions to report.

C. FY '06 Budget Update and Revision

Mary Will updated the Committee on the FY '06 Budget Projection through 9/30/05. She noted areas of concern in Maintenance and Utilities.

D. Utility Cost Update

The Superintendent reported the need for approximately a 20% increase in the Utilities Budget due to the rising energy costs. Mary Will has organized a committee that will be working with the Town and Lincoln-Sudbury on a town-wide approach to energy conservation.

New Book Surplus

The Superintendent reported there is a surplus of out of date books, not being used, at the Middle School. Curtis Teachers would like to include these books in the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort. In order to do that, the School Committee would have to declare these books "surplus." A list of the books will be forthcoming.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to authorize the Superintendent to declare, at his discretion, books that are not being used and not anticipated to be used as "surplus," for the purposes of Katrina Relief. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

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 accept the minutes of the September 21, 2005 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Bob Milley distributed information from Primary Source regarding social studies professional development. He also distributed an invitation to attend a conference on December 2 for schools who want to infuse international content into the curriculum. Bob also distributed information on a workshop being held at Curtis Middle School regarding "Best Practices for Assessing and Teaching Children with Learning Disabilities."

Debbie Dixson distributed a brochure from the Sudbury Special Education Advisory Council. Debbie also reported that Next Generation and the Leap School are offering full-day kindergarten programs.

Rich Robison distributed two additional volumes of a Math Bulletin published by the Federation for Children with Special Needs.

Susan Iuliano reported receiving positive comments from parents on the grade level curriculum guides distributed at the open houses.

John Brackett reported that the Noyes Open House has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 6. Also, if members are attending the MASC conference, let Jan Seftor know. The financial summit location has been moved to the Goodnow Library on October 20, at 7:30.

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:30 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary