Sudbury Public Schools Sudbury, Massachusetts School Committee Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Present: Jane Santinelli, Chairperson, Susan Iuliano, Vice Chairperson

Members: Rich Robison, Bill Braun, Alexa Crowe

Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent,

Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixson, SPED

Administrator, Amie Abdal-Khabir, SEA

Jane Santinelli called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Open Forum I

Amie Abdal-Khabir invited Committee members to the SEA 25 Years of Teaching party on Friday, 12/9 at SKY Restaurant at 3:30 p.m.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

II. Superintendent's Report

B. Loring School Improvement Plan

Cliff LaPorte, Loring Principal, and Kim Taylor, Assistant Principal, presented the Loring School Improvement Plan.

A. Nixon School Improvement Plan

Rita Bissonnette Clark, Nixon Principal, presented the Nixon School Improvement Plan. **VOTED**: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the Loring and Nixon School Improvement Plan.

I. School Committee Report

B. Homeless and Pregnancy Policies

Susan Iuliano stated that these policies are required by Federal and State law.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept Policy 4.2.11 Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept Policy 4.2.12 Pregnant Students as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Donation to Fund Music Program for NECC

Mary Will and Debbie Dixson explained that this program was started last year through SERF Grant Funds. Private donations will fund the program this year.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to approve establishing a NECC Music Program Gift Fund.

II. Superintendent's Report

Recognitions

The Superintendent recognized Curtis Middle School students Ariana Gunderson and Thais Pinheiro for their initiative and creativity in developing a cable tv show called "Eye on Sudbury."

C. MCAS Results

Bob Milley presented the 2005 MCAS results.

D. Kindergarten Report

The Superintendent reported that research shows a full day kindergarten program is beneficial to all students. Recent conversations with the staff reveal a sense that our current day is too short and a longer program should be explored. It will be difficult to expand the program given our current space and budget constraints. The need for space to provide a longer day program will be factored in to space planning for the future.

E. Enrollment Projections

This item will be placed on the agenda for the Nov. 2 meeting.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2005 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet. The Superintendent reported that a 6th grade Special Educator has been hired.

Member's Forum

A Listening Tour on Chapter 70 Aid will be held at Marlboro Middle School on Monday, 10/24 at 4:30 p.m. Jane will contact Susan Pope for further information.

Jane Santinelli and John Brackett will attend the Town's Financial Summit on Thursday, 10/20.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Bill Braun, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of collective bargaining, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 11:30 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Alexa Crowe

Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary