

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 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 Dixon, SPED
Administrator, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Jane Santinelli 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.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Opening Day of School Report

The Superintendent reported on a successful opening day of school, with the exception of some busing issues, which have since been resolved. In addition, a new special educator at Curtis has resigned. That position is currently being advertised. Enrollment is currently at 3268. The Superintendent also reported that all schools met AYP, including subgroups. The Superintendent noted that September 17 will be a Federal holiday called Constitution Day. Training for substitute teachers on the new Student Allergy Policy and Protocol will be put in place this fall. Mary Will commended Carol Bradford, Noyes Nurse, for her efforts around food allergies and safety.

Bob Milley distributed an outline of professional development programs that teachers were involved in over the summer months.

B. Math Curriculum/Instruction Review Report

Bob Milley, Assistant Superintendent, and Joy Cooke, Math Curriculum Specialist, presented Phase I of the Math Curriculum and Instruction Review.

I. School Committee Report

B. Student Allergy Policy No. Change

Susan Iuliano reported that the recently adopted Student Allergy Policy was numbered incorrectly.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to change the Student Allergy Policy Number from 4.4.6 to 4.4.8. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. School Activity Fund Policy & Procedure No. 7.4

Mary Will reported that the Curtis Parent Organization can no longer accept funds from their magazine drives, picture sales, yearbook sales, and field trips, etc. because it will change the tax status of the organization. Therefore, she proposed establishing a Student Activity Agency Account with the Town. Funds would be deposited, withdrawn through the warrant process, and the middle school principal could write checks for expenditures.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano seconded by Alexa Crowe, to adopt Student Activity Fund Policy and Procedure 7.4 as amended. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

D. Ratification of Sudbury Public Schools Professional Staff Evaluation Guidelines

The Superintendent recommended ratification of the revised guidelines for Sudbury Public Schools Professional Staff Evaluation. The Superintendent noted that this was a collaborative effort between the administration and the SEA.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to ratify the Sudbury Public Schools Professional Staff Evaluation Guidelines with revisions. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

E. September 14 Meeting with Rep. Pope Re: Chapter 70 Reform

The Superintendent invited Committee members to join him in a meeting with Susan Pope on Wednesday, September 14 (or the 21st), at 10:30 a.m. at the State House, regarding Chapter 70 reform. The Superintendent will compile data on Sudbury's history regarding enrollment, tax rate and Chapter 70 Aid.

II. Superintendent's Report

C. End of Year (FY '05) Financial Report

Mary Will presented the End of FY '05 Financial Report, noting that an increase in Circuit Breaker funds helped to offset SpEd Tuition Expenses.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Rich Robison, to accept the FY '05 Working Budget as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Jane Santinelli received a request for renewed membership in the Suburban Coalition. She also received an annual report for the McAuliffe Regional Charter Public School.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2005 Regular Session as amended. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion Rich Robison, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the minutes of the Executive Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Debbie Dixon reported that we have hired bright and motivated special educators.

Rich Robison reported that the Mass. DOE has issued an Interim Notice of Procedural Due Process for the parents of special education students to replace the parent rights brochure.

Susan Iuliano reported she has begun conversations with the Finance Committee liaison regarding the upcoming budget cycle. The Town's Financial Summit is scheduled for Thursday, October 20.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Alexa Crowe, 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 11:00 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Alexa Crowe

Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary