

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 2006**

Present: Jane Santinelli, Chairperson, Susan Iuliano, Vice Chairperson
Members: Rich Robison, Jeff Beeler
Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent, Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Jean Foster, 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.

B. Amendment to Policy 3.3.2 Professional Staff Hiring

Susan Iuliano explained that the previous adoption of the CORI Policy included a revision to Policy 3.3.2. This was not explicitly stated in the motion to adopt that policy.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Rich Robison to accept the amendment of Policy 3.3.2 subpart G to reflect the adoption of the new CORI Policy. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

II. Superintendent's Report

Recognition

The Superintendent recognized the following people who have provided coverage for key staff members who have been out on leave: Kimberly Donald, Metco Director, filled in for Kristen Moffat as Assistant Principal of Noyes; Debbie Dixson has been filling in as the Team Chair at Curtis Middle School; and Mary Will has been filling in for Jean Natale Transportation/Payroll Coordinator.

A. FY '08 Budget

The Superintendent presented a preliminary FY '08 Budget, which included a 3% increase as requested by the Finance Committee, a 5.75% increase, and a 9.84% increase. Debbie Dixson explained increases in Special Education costs. The Superintendent recommended scheduling the Public Hearing of the FY '08 Budget for December 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The Committee agreed.

B. Full Day Kindergarten

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Sudbury Special Education Advisory Council Gift Account

Debbie Dixson gave an overview of the Sudbury Special Education Advisory Council. Mary Will recommended the establishment of a fund to accept donations from the various PTOs to fund the activities of this group.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to establish the Sudbury Special Education Advisory Council Gift Account to accept gift donations from the PTOs for the purpose of funding the group's activities. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Rich Robison, to accept the gifts of \$268 from the five PTOs to fund the activities of the Sudbury Special Education Advisory Council. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

D. Early Childhood Director Position

The Superintendent requested the approval of the agreement with the SEA to remove the Early Childhood Specialist position from the bargaining unit and to create the position of Early Childhood Director, effective January 2, 2007. The Superintendent explained this is necessary due to the increasing and changing role of the Early Childhood Specialist to include leadership and administrative duties.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Rich Robison, to approve the agreement with the SEA to remove the Early Childhood Specialist position from the bargaining unit. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Rich Robison, to create the position of Early Childhood Director, effective January 2, 2007. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Open Forum II

Laurie Wishner reported on a recent EDCO meeting that focused on out of district special education costs, stressing that it is difficult to compare costs district to district because individual school districts do not put the same information in their line items. Upcoming forums will be addressing Early Childhood Education. Other items to be discussed at upcoming L-S School Committee meetings are the budget and MCAS.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Jane presented an invitation from Oxford University to attend a roundtable discussion around national education requirements. Jane read a note from Dr. Brackett thanking the Committee for a recent contribution to St. Jude’s Hospital in memory of his mother.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2006 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

No Personnel Action was reported.

Member’s Forum

Jeff Beeler requested clarification on a recent bus accident. A parent hit a parked bus at Loring School, but it was a minor accident.

Bob Milley gave some corrected and additional information on the recently distributed MCAS Report.

Jean Foster invited the Committee to the SEA’s annual “25 Years in Education” celebration on December 7 at SKY Restaurant.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Rich Robison, 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 Susan Iuliano
- Yes Jeff Beeler

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary