Sudbury Public Schools Sudbury, Massachusetts School Committee Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2006

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

Members: Rich Robison, Bill Braun, Jeff Beeler

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

of Business & Finance, Amie Abdal-Khabir, SEA

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

Open Forum I

No comments.

II. Superintendent's Report

Recognition

There were no recognitions to reports.

E. New York Music Festival Trip

Music Teacher Bob Mealey presented the upcoming Curtis Trip to the 2007 New York Music Festival.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve the New York Music Festival Trip. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

A. School Improvement Plans – Noyes and Nixon

Annette Doyle, Noyes Principal, and Kristin Moffatt, Assistant Principal, presented the Noyes School Improvement Plan, which focuses on the CASL Program (Collaborative Assessment of Student Learning) and Guided Reading. She also mentioned a new study group to look at bullying as it relates to girls. Annette noted challenges including time constraints and taking on too many initiatives.

Joni Jay, Nixon Principal, presented the Nixon School Improvement Plan. Joni introduced herself to the group and gave some background information. She also highlighted differences between Sudbury and her previous district including shorter staff meetings, no assistant principal and no weekly early release day. Joni mentioned initiatives she has begun including interviewing all staff members, starting a school council, and learning about the school culture and community.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Bill Braun, to approve the Noyes and Nixon School Improvement Plans as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

B. Early Childhood Position Statement

Dr. Brackett presented the revised "Early Childhood Education and Space Requirements: Planning for the Future." The document, which states the goal to provide full day kindergarten and consolidate the integrated preschool into one location, will be put on the district website, distributed through PTO websites, and placed in local newspapers via a press release.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to accept the Early Childhood Education and Space Requirements: Planning for the Future, as amended. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Math Goal Update

Bob Milley updated the Committee on the Preliminary Math Goals for 2006-2007, including clarifying the elementary curriculum documents, developing math assessments, building enrichment and challenge in the math program, implementing the new IMPACT Math at Curtis, and conducting parent information sessions.

D. Preliminary Enrollment Projections for FY '08

The Superintendent presented Preliminary FY '08 Enrollment Projections which show a 1.6% increase which would result in 3 additional FTE's in order to keep all classes under guidelines.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Newsletter

Susan and Rich will write the next article.

Open Forum II

No comments.

II. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Dr. Brackett discussed a letter regarding a recent bus issue that was discussed with parents and resolved.

III. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2006 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor (Jane Santinelli abstained).

IV. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Rich Robison asked if there are plans to present the CPR. Dr. Bracket said it will be presented sometime in November.

Bob Milley reported on the positive conversations with parents at recent Open Houses.

Dr. Brackett reported that he is involved in an exchange program with a Superintendent from China who will be here November 1.

Dr. Brackett reported on recently received documents regarding the original sale of the Crime Lab on Horse Pond Road to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Bill Braun, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor. The time was 11:20 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun Yes Jane Santinelli Yes Susan Iuliano Yes Jeff Beeler

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary