

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 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, Debbie Dixon, SPED Administrator

Jane Santinelli called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Jane recognized the efforts of all involved in a successful opening day.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Donations to Sudbury Public Schools

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the donation of 300 pocket dictionaries from Salisbury Sales, Inc. and the donation of a video monitor by Alan Bergstein. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Newsletter Article

This item was discussed during the Superintendent's Report.

II. Superintendent's Report

Recognition

There were no recognitions.

A. Opening Day of School

The Superintendent reported on a smooth opening day. He presented enrollment figures and noted areas where class size has exceeded guidelines.

Bob Milley reported on several professional development opportunities that teachers were involved in over the summer, for example, Skillful Teacher, Open Circle, and TERC Investigations, as well as curriculum development efforts in areas such as math, assessment, and technology.

Mary Will updated the Committee on building maintenance projects over the summer.

B. FY '06 Financial Report and Budget Revision

Mary Will presented the End of FY'06 Financial Report, explaining the need to make line account adjustments to offset negative balances.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve the line account adjustments and the Final FY '06 Budget as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Memorandum of Agreement with SEA – Calculation of Pay

Mary Will explained that the Agreement with the SEA regarding the calculation of pay needed to be approved for the Town's purposes.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented.

D. Middle School Student Activity Fund - Policy Change 2nd Reading

Mary Will explained that a second vote is needed to increase the limit of the Curtis Middle School Student Activity Checking Account.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve an increase to the limit of the Curtis Middle School Student Activity Checking Account from \$20,000 - \$40,000. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

E. Improve Learning for All Plan/Newsletter Article

The Superintendent presented the process for gathering information and input on the Improving Learning for All Plan (ILAP).

This issue will be mentioned in the October newsletters.

Bob Milley gave an overview of some uses of staff development time, for example, grade level collaboration, district-wide initiatives, parent conferences and placement/transition activities.

F. METCO Gala

The Superintendent informed Committee members that on 9/15/06 the Metco 40th Anniversary Gala will be held. He asked for volunteers to attend. Also, he asked if the Committee would donate an ad for the event. The legality of the donation will be investigated, but the Committee agreed.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Members received a copy of the Comprehensive Program Review. A presentation will be made at a future meeting. A copy of the School Wellness Policy and Guidelines was distributed.

Information was distributed on the annual MASC Conference.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2006 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Rich Robison informed the Committee that the final regulations of IDEA have been released.

Debbie Dixon reported that Special Education is fully staffed.

Jeff Beeler requested that the Anti-Bullying Policy be placed on a future agenda.

Dr. Brackett reported that a meeting will be held October 3, 2006 at 7:45 at the Town Hall, regarding the State Police Crime Lab. Committee members were urged to attend. Dr. Brackett informed the Committee that he has written a letter to Rep. Resor and Rep. Pope regarding Ch. 70 aid.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Bill Braun, to adjourn to Executive Session, for purposes of discussing strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:25 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary