

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2006**

Present: 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 Dixson, SPED Administrator, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Susan Iuliano 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. School Improvement Plans – Loring and Haynes

Susan Carlson, Haynes Principal, presented the "State of the School" report. She noted challenges such as the high numbers of new staff, the need for more time for staff development, space needs, and dated technology. She also noted areas of future focus including supporting all students toward higher achievement, continuation of the MAST program, continue to strengthen performance of students on IEP's, continue to use technology to enhance student learning, and continue with the district focus on math and ELA.

Clif LaPorte, Loring Principal, presented the "State of the School" report. He noted successes including building a professional culture, refocusing on academic excellence, and developing a new master schedule to improve student learning time. Areas of focus this year will be math, continued use of new technology, continued use of the CIT's to improve teaching and learning, and developing an enrichment program. Space needs will be a challenge.

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Bill Braun, to approve the School Improvement Plans of Haynes and Loring as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

B. Accept Early Childhood Statement of Intent and Oct. 3 Selectmen Meeting Re: Crime Lab

The Superintendent recommended that the Committee accept the document entitled *Early Childhood Programs: Considerations for the Future*, which was originally presented to the Committee in June.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to accept the document *Early Childhood Programs: Considerations for the Future*, as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

The Superintendent and Linda Karpeichik presented an Early Childhood Education Statement of Intent focusing on continuing the integrated preschool, the desire to have the preschool at one location, and the desire for a full-day (or longer day) kindergarten program.

The Superintendent noted that a discussion will be held on October 3 with the Selectmen, Rep. Pope and Sen. Resor regarding the status of the Crime Lab. The message from the School Committee is that we are presently beyond capacity and are very interested in considering the Crime Lab as a possible town site to address space needs.

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B. New Policy 4.3.8 CORI

Susan Iuliano presented a new Policy 4.3.8 Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) to reflect new regulations adopted in 2005. This item will need a second vote at the next meeting.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun seconded by Jeff Beeler, to accept Policy 4.3.8 CORI as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

C. Meeting in Boston with METCO Parents

The Superintendent invited Committee members to the annual meeting with METCO parents in Boston on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. Rich Robison volunteered the use of the Federation for Children with Special Needs offices to host the meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report

Recognition

There were no recognitions.

C. Enrollment Report

The Superintendent presented enrollment figures for September, 2006 which are up over 2005 totals.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2006 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Jeff Beeler requested a copy of a recent letter regarding a student.

Bob Milley noted that the District Technology Plan is in place and being implemented. Bob also reported on a recent roll-out of the new Grade 6 Math Program at Curtis. He noted that NCTM recently developed Curriculum Focus Points at each grade level.

Mary Mahoney reported that Mary Will has been working with the Custodians and the Youth Basketball Association regarding the custodians' time and the supervision of children in school buildings after school hours. Mary also reported that a lot of spam is coming through school email accounts. She reported that teachers are no longer able to use personal laptops at school due to wireless security issues. Mary also noted the SEA's concern that the budget for tuition reimbursement has not been increased in several years.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor. The time was 11:30 p.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary