

Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Present: Susan Iuliano, Chairperson, Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson Members:
Jeff Beeler, Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant
Superintendent, Debbie Dixon, SPED Administrator, Mary Will, Director of Business &
Finance, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Susan Iuliano called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. Open Public Hearing on FY 09 Budget Susan Iuliano explained that the revenue
projections are lower than last year. Also Free Cash available will be lower than
anticipated. Dr. Brackett gave his presentation on the FY 09 Budget.

Bob Jacobson urged the Committee to have a conversation around where specific cuts
would need to be made.

Abby Ward, Old Lancaster Road, commented that the non-override budget does not
reflect any changes in Special Education. She questioned the addition of a School
Psychologist. She also questioned whether alternative energy conservation measures are
being pursued, ie bio-diesel buses, a wind turbine, or should we be pursuing more grants?
She asked if building permits are considered when projecting enrollments? Susan Iuliano
explained that proposed developments are always looked at. She also explained that the
addition of a Psychologist/Team Chair is due to an on-going, unmet need of the student
population in general, not just Special Education students. Jeff explained that the utilities
expense is significant and the Budget Review Task Force is looking at several ideas,
including alternative energy sources.

Lori Wishner, Fox Run, stated that the idea of parents wanting to make donations to
cover operating costs will need to be addressed.

The Committee discussed which budget to adopt and what level of detail should be given
on the 09 FinCom Scenario 20 Non-override Budget.

Bob Jacobson explained that Salary expenses go up about 5-6% each year which is not
sustainable.

Michelle McDonald, Old Lancaster Road, indicated that the information in the
presentation on proposed cuts in the Non-Override Budget clearly shows how devastating
the scenario would be.

The Committee would like to see a budget of about 6%.

2. Open Forum I

No comment.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

3. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4. ILAP and Professional Development Update

Bob Milley distributed an updated Professional Development and ILAP Schedule and explained how it was developed, its progress to date, and plans for the future.

5. Open Forum II

No comments.

6. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

7. Minutes □ Regular Session, November 28, 2007
VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2007 Regular Session as amended. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

8. Personnel Actions

There was no Personnel Action.

9. Members' Forum
Mary Mahoney invited members to the annual 25 Years of Teaching celebration on Wednesday, 12/13 at SKY Restaurant.

Jeff Beeler noted that he has voiced his dissatisfaction to a Selectmen on the current budget calendar.

Susan Iuliano stated that at the next meeting Special Education grouping assignments at Curtis was going to be discussed, but in light of the need for an ongoing budget discussion, it should be rescheduled to January.

10. Executive Session

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to adjourn the meeting.. The vote was 3-0 in favor. The time was 10:30 p.m.

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Susan Iuliano

Yes Jeff Beeler

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary