

Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Present: Susan Iuliano, Chairperson, Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson Members:  
Rich Robison, Jeff Beeler, Bill Braun (@7:55) Also Present: Dr. John Brackett,  
Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent, Debbie Dixson, SPED  
Administrator, Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Dave Jurewicz, SEA  
Susan Iuliano called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. Open Forum I  
No comments.

2. Bill Schedule  
A bill schedule was presented.

4. Revolving Fund Approval  
Mary Will explained that there is a need for an increase in the Music Revolving Fund and the Bus Revolving Fund to cover the current revenues.  
VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Rich Robison, to approve the Instrumental Music Revolving Fund article for the warrant. The vote was 4-0 in favor.  
VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Rich Robison, to set the limit of the Music Revolving Fund at \$75,000. The vote was 4-0 in favor.  
VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Jane Santinelli to approve the Bus Revolving Fund Article for the warrant. The vote was 4-0 in favor.  
VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to set the limit of the Bus Revolving Fun at \$350,000. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

3. Adoption of FY09 Budget  
Jane Santinelli reported on recent conversations with the Finance Committee regarding the different budgets to be presented. 'Level Staff' would allow for actual increases in special education, utilities, transportation, benefits, and fuel and all other expenses would be level-funded from last year's budget.

The Superintendent presented an update on the budget scenarios.  
VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to adopt the FY 09 'Level Staff Plus Improvements' Budget in the amount of \$28,659,070, a 6.1% increase over FY08. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

5. Recognition  
Susan Iuliano recognized Joanne Bleiler for her years of service as the Recording Secretary.

6. Open Forum II

Lisa Gutch, Haynes PTO Co-Chair, asked when the Committee approves a budget, is the thought that it will be lower? Jane Santinelli indicated that is the expectation. She also asked if the Committee would ever consider giving the Town a list of options to vote on. Bill Braun said past experience does not support that approach. The need for overrides will continue as long as the current structure for funding public education continues.

Michelle MacDonald commented that in the past, the Special Ed budget included a breakdown by line item of the expenses. It might be a good idea to include that information in the Budget presentation.

7. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

8. Minutes □ Regular Session, December 5, 2007 VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler seconded by Jane Santinelli, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2007 Regular Session as amended. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

9. Members' Forum Bill Braun stated that a designee needs to be named to the Budget Review Task Force.

Mary Will stated that she will email the end of the year financial report to all members.

Rich Robison reported on a recent meeting in Washington on RTI (Response To Intervention) related to intervening with children earlier, particularly in literacy areas..

10. Executive Session

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Bill Braun, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:20 p.m.

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Susan Iuliano

Yes Jeff Beeler

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary