

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2007**

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, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Jane Santinelli 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

Recognition

The Superintendent recognized Eddie Good, Curtis Teacher, who has been inducted into the National Honor Roll of Outstanding American Teachers.

A. Elementary Student Activity Account Limit Increase

Mary Will explained that the current limit of \$5,000 is insufficient to accommodate the funds necessary for the 4th grade Odyssey trip and recommended increasing the limit to \$10,000. This is the first of two necessary votes to change the existing policy.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to increase the limit of the Elementary Schools - Student Activity Checking Account limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

B. Haynes School Grant Account

Mary Will explained that a new account is necessary for the \$5,000 Math Enrichment Grant recently received from the Sallie Mae Fund for the Haynes School.

VOTED: On a motion by Rich Robison, seconded by Bill Braun, to establish a grant account in the amount of \$5,000 for the Haynes Math Enrichment Grant. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Facility Usage Update

Mary Will updated the Committee on the Facility Usage Policy. The Policy has been very workable to date. She commented on the positive working relationship with Barbara Cole, Director of Sudbury Extended Day.

D. FY '08 Budget

Dr. Brackett reported on recent meetings with the Town Budget group regarding the current budget picture. The group discussed a proposed override for a level staff budget. A non-override budget would require over \$1 million in cuts. On March 19 at 7:30 p.m. the League of Women Voters will moderate the Town's Budget Forum.

E. Special Education Programming

Debbie Dixon gave an overview of special education programs available in the K-8 system, focusing on adding programs to provide a continuum of services with the goal of educating students within the district whenever possible. This was a draft of a more complete report that will be made available in the future.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2007 meeting as amended. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Susan Iuliano noted that the Superintendent Evaluation process should begin. The School Committee newsletter will be put on the District website so the PTOs can link to it.

Rich Robison expressed his gratitude to the members of the Committee for their response during the recent tragedy at L-S.

Debbie Dixon reported on a recent phone call from a parent regarding her child who was recently diagnosed with Asperger's.

Mary Mahoney, reported that the SEA sent lunch to the L-S staff on Monday.

Jeff Beeler reported on a conversation with a parent regarding Asperger's and asked that consideration be given to explain special education in general to the community. He also reported on a MASC meeting regarding the Open Meeting Law.

Jane Santinelli presented an article in the Wall Street Journal on cyber-bullying.

Dr. Brackett reported on a K-8 meeting regarding the recent incident at L-S. Parents, staff, and counselors were present.

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

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Susan Iuliano

Yes Jeff Beeler

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary