

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2007**

Present: Jane Santinelli, Chairperson (at 9:00 p.m.), 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, Bob Mealey, SEA

Susan Iuliano called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Open Forum I

Michelle MacDonald requested approval from the Superintendent to send out a flyer regarding a fundraiser in support of a Loring family. The Superintendent approved sending out the flyer in the community notices.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Presentation at Town Meeting

The Committee discussed the upcoming presentation at Town Meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report

Recognition

There were no recognitions to report.

A. Middle School Out of Country Field Trip

Martha Soper, Curtis World Language Teacher, presented a proposal for an 8th Grade trip to Quebec for French students. The Superintendent recommended approval for this trip.

VOTED: On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Bill Braun, to approve the trip as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

B. FY '08 District Goals

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to accept the 2007-2008 District Goals as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

C. Lead Teacher: Special Education Summer School Coordinator

The Superintendent explained the need for a new position to coordinate summer school services.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve the newly created position of Lead Teacher: Special Education Summer School Coordinator. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

D. Revolving Fund for Early Childhood Tuition

This item was postponed.

E. Sudbury Foundation Grant

The Superintendent explained that a request has been made to the Sudbury Foundation to fund a pilot program that would support a school/family social worker to provide services for students in crisis. The Superintendent explained that the kinds of issues facing some students require much more time than current counselors can manage. This position would be a two-year contracted position. The Superintendent requested approval to apply for the grant.

Susan Iuliano is a member of the Sudbury Foundation and did not participate in the discussion or the vote.

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve the grant application to the Sudbury Foundation for a school/family social worker. The vote was 3-0 in favor (Susan Iuliano abstained)

F. FY '08 Budget

There was no discussion on this issue.

Open Forum II

No comments.

G. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

H. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2007 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

I. Personnel Action

As presented in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

The Superintendent explained that the meeting on 4/4 will be at L-S at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting is scheduled for 4/11/07. The Superintendent suggested that the meeting on April 11 could be cancelled.

The Superintendent reported that the Suburban Coalition is hosting a breakfast Monday, April 2 at the State House to discuss local issues.

Rich Robison distributed the most recent bulletin from the Federation for Children with Special Needs regarding MCAS. Rich also reported that the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee met and reminded members to submit their evaluations.

Bob Mealey announced that the annual softball bonanza is May 18. Also, the SEA thanked Dr. Brackett, Mary Will and Bob Milley for holding the budget forums at the schools and keeping staff informed.

Bob Milley reported that the new elementary report cards have been completed.

Jeff Beeler reported that the Anti Bullying Committee met and some issues were raised. In particular, some language discrepancies exist in the district policy, and the student polling system needs to be adjusted.

There is also some confusion regarding the use of the bullying form.

Jane Santinelli reported on a feedback request from Tom Conroy on proposed legislation regarding private support for public schools.

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 9:30 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Susan Iuliano

Yes Jeff Beeler

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary