

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

Present: Susan Iuliano, Chairperson, Jane Santinelli, Vice  
ChairpersonMembers: Rich Robison (@8:10 pm), Jeff Beeler, Bill Braun (@ 8:00  
pm)Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant  
Superintendent, Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Mary Mahoney, SEA  
Susan Iuliano called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

1. Open Forum I

Karen Hanson, Plantation Circle, whose son goes to full-day pre-K, commented that most parents are anxious to have full-day kindergarten and are willing to pay a fee for that service. Jeff Beeler explained the Committee's goal towards full-day kindergarten. Space and funding remain the greatest concerns. He encouraged interested parents to communicate their opinions to the Board of Selectmen and keep themselves abreast of ongoing conversations.

School Committee Report

2. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

3. Donations

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to accept a donation of \$800 by the Intel Foundation to Nixon School as part of its employee Volunteer Matching Grant, and to request that a special gift fund be established to accept this donation. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

New Item

3.1 Accept Cash Donation

Dr. Brackett explained that a donation has been offered by the Rosenberg Foundation. The donor has expressed an interest that the funds be used to support autistic children and their families. The Committee expressed its willingness to accept the donation.

Superintendent's Report

4. Loring PTO (Welcome)

Cara Maxwell and Susan Smith, PTO Co-Chairs, welcomed the Committee to Loring School and highlighted the PTO efforts to purchase Active Boards for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. They questioned whether the level of fundraising at the various schools in recent years necessitates some guidelines around equity among schools. They also requested information regarding using PTO funds for items that may or may not be included in future budgets.

5. Loring State of the School ReportClifton LaPorte, Loring Principal, presented the State of the School report, highlighting efforts to develop school culture, continue to use assessment data to inform instruction, and continue efforts to support students and staff through the FOCUS process. He highlighted areas of challenge such as Special Education, MCAS and space. VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve the Loring School Improvement Plan as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

6. Approve French Trip □ Quebec The Superintendent reviewed a proposal by Curtis Middle School Teacher Martha Soper to take 8th Grade students to Quebec City for a French trip. VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jeff Beeler, to approve the 8th Grade French Trip as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

7. MCAS Analysis

Bob Milley, Assistant Superintendent, presented the results of the 2007 Spring MCAS testing.

JoEllen Smojla, Atkinson Lane, asked about 3rd Grade reading scores.

8. Budget FY09

The Superintendent presented budget scenarios based on ÓLevel Staff, Ó No Override, Ó and a ÓSudbury Ó budget.

9. Open Forum II

JoEllen Smojla, Atkinson Lane, stated that at Noyes, two teachers and a parent are on the playground for supervision. She feels that if parents are not effective as playground supervisors, that should be communicated. She reported that a Curtis math teacher stated that it is very obvious which elementary school students come from.

10. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

11. Minutes □ Regular Session, October 17, 2007 VOTED: On a motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2007 Regular Session as amended. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

12. Members Forum

Bill Braun reported on the Budget Review Task Force meeting.

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 11:45 p.m.

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Bill Braun

Yes Susan Iuliano

Yes Jeff Beeler

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary