

**Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**August 31, 2016 @ 7:30 PM @ The Senior Center**

**Open Session**

**Chair Lucie St. George** open the session at 7:31 PM. Sudbury Cable TV is broadcasting the meeting live.

**Members Present:** Lucie St. George (Chair), Ellen Winer Joachim (Vice Chair), Lisa Kouchakdjian, Christine Hogan, Richard Tinsley

**Also Present:** Anne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools; Kimberly A. Swain, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Rothermich, Manager of Business and Finance; Justin Dulak, Recording Secretary

- I. Open Forum
  - A. None
- II. Recognitions
  - A. **Superintendent Anne Wilson** recognized the staff, students, and custodians of SPS for their fantastic work on the first day of school. Dr. Wilson also acknowledged Loring staff members who created a Story Hour at Longfellow Glen over the summer; this included: Safura Hussain, Marie Verderame, and Celeste Morin. The student panel that assisted Dr. Ferguson during his Professional Development seminar on Friday, August 26 also earned Dr. Wilson's praise. The students who participated were Calvin Pendergast, Maryam Jafarov, Ryan Dooley, Maggie McLeod, Justin Miller, Salim Hill, Luis Leins, Sam Johnson, Caroline Austin, David Pease, Sarah Molloy, James Molloy, and Myles Jones. Lastly, Dr. Wilson recognized the Jazz Band which performed under Dr. Bob Mealey at the Opening Day Gathering. The students who displayed their musical talents were Gavin Merrill-Skoloff, Reid Kiessing, Joel George, Andrew Sills, Lucas Smith, Joshua Cohen, Matt Termine, Tim Matjucha, Grace Grandprey, Luke Ward, and Jordan Tabasky.
- III. District Goals
  - A. The Committee discussed the previously set forth District Goals. All members expressed general support for the goals.
- IV. Enrollment Update
  - A. **Superintendent Anne Wilson** reviewed enrollment numbers with the School Committee. Due to the kindergarten populations at Nixon and Haynes

Elementary Schools exceeding class size guidelines, Dr. Wilson authorized part-time teaching assistants to become full-time in those classrooms.

V. Appoint Representative to Fairbank Task Force

A. **Lisa Kouchakdjian** updated the Committee with the latest information on the Fairbank Task Force, including the fact that the Task Force is seeking a second member from the School Committee.

1. **Christine Hogan** moved to appoint Richard Tinsley to the Fairbank Task Force, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.

a) **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carried.

VI. School Committee Meeting Calendar

A. The Committee reviewed and revised its Meeting Calendar for the coming year, including planning the Boston-based METCO meeting, and discussing the Legislators' Breakfast and the meeting scheduled for April 12.

1. **Richard Tinsley** moved to move the April 12 meeting to April 10, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.

a) **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carried.

VII. Budget to Actual FY16

A. **Susan Rothermich** presented the Budget to Actual Report for fiscal year 2016, and noted that the budget balanced. Ms. Rothermich also mentioned that main overages were in substitute teachers and special education.

B. **Ellen Winer Joachim** moved to accept the Budget to Actual report as presented, **Christine Hogan** seconded.

1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carried.

VIII. Security Cameras Policy (2nd Reading)

A. **Ellen Winer Joachim** read the second draft of the Security Cameras in Schools policy, which includes the edits requested by members during the July 20, 2016 meeting.

B. **Christine Hogan** moved to accept the Security Cameras in Schools policy as amended, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.

1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carried.

IX. Facility Naming Policy

A. The Committee reviewed facility naming policies from neighboring communities and discussed whether it should draft and implement its own such policy. It was later agreed that a policy would be beneficial, and the First Reading of this proposed document will occur at the September 7 meeting.

X. School Committee Professional Development

A. Paige Tobin has been confirmed for September 7th, and will meet with the Committee at 6:30 PM, prior to that day's regularly-scheduled meeting.

XI. Appointment of School Committee Representative on ACCEPT Board of Directors

- A. **Christine Hogan** moved to appoint Superintendent Anne Wilson as the Sudbury School Committee's Representative to the ACCEPT Board of Directors, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.
    - 1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carried.
- XII. Appointment of School Committee Representative on CASE Board of Directors
  - A. **Christine Hogan** moved to appoint Superintendent Anne Wilson as the Sudbury School Committee's Representative to the CASE Board of Directors, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.
    - 1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carried.
- XIII. Appointment of School Committee Representative on EDCO Board of Directors
  - A. **Christine Hogan** moved to appoint Superintendent Anne Wilson as the Sudbury School Committee's Representative to the EDCO Board of Directors, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.
    - 1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carried.
- XIV. Open Forum
  - A. none
- XV. Superintendent's Report
  - A. **Superintendent Anne Wilson** noted that the Opening Day Gathering was a tremendous success, and was a great representation of the sense of community that exists within Sudbury. As she did during the Gathering, Dr. Wilson recognized several staff members achieving milestones with SPS:
    - 1. Martin Laporte, Anne Andrews, Margaret Mephram and Leslie Rosenberg, 10 years; Louise Noce, 20 years; and Barbara Ann Cook, 30 years. Special recognition also went to Florence Bennett, a teacher in her 53rd year with SPS.
  - B. Dr. Wilson also informed the Committee that there were some busing issues this morning, and requested that anyone in District who is experiencing any difficulties reach out to her office.
  - C. Assistant Superintendent's Report
    - 1. **Assistant Superintendent Kim Swain** told the Committee about how she noticed a lot of classroom implementation of ideas and concepts teachers learned over the summer. Ms. Swain also noted that at the administrative retreat in August, the team discussed the educator evaluation system, technology systems, and the District Goals.
  - D. Bill Schedule
  - E. Personnel Actions
- XVI. Communications
  - A. None
- XVII. Minutes (6/15/2016, 7/20/2016)

- A. June 15
  - 1. **Christine Hogan** moved to approve the Minutes from June 15 as edited, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.
    - a) **Vote: 5-0**. Motion carried.
- B. July 20
  - 1. The Committee will consider the Minutes from July 20th at a subsequent meeting.

XVIII. Members' Forum

- A. **Richard Tinsley** related his and Chair Lucie St. George's experiences from the Budget Strategies Task Force meeting.
- B. **Christine Hogan** informed the Committee that the Vocational Educational Guidance Subcommittee has a meeting tomorrow, September 1, 2016. She will also be attending an anti-bullying informational session led by Dr. William Smith.
- C. **Lisa Kouchakdjian** attended the most recent meeting of the Fairbank Task Force, and noted that the body is getting ready to share its proposal. Additionally, SEPAC will have an event on September 13 at which the public can come and meet members of the organization. Mrs. Kouchakdjian also requested professional development for the Committee on the topic of FERPA. The Committee agreed to discuss this last topic with Paige Tobin in the workshop to be held prior to the September 7 meeting.
- D. **Chair Lucie St. George** related her experience observing the summer school programs with **Superintendent Anne Wilson**. She then distributed to the Committee a packet of documents relevant to Question 2 on this year's state ballot (that of whether or not to raise the cap on charter schools).

XIX. Executive Session

- A. **Christine Hogan** moved at 9:51 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy for negotiations with regards to non-union personnel, as to do so in open session may be detrimental to the negotiating position of the Committee and not to return to open session, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.
  - 1. **Vote: 5-0**. Motion carried.

XX. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Dulak