

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2020
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21 Concord Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Members Present:

Lisa Kouchakdjian, Chair
Silvia Nerssessian, Vice Chair
Meredith Gerson
Maggie Helon

Members Absent:

Christine Hogan

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Finance
Kim Swain, Assistant Superintendent
Annemarie Andrews, SEA Representative

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

1. Special Matters
 - a. SPS Administrative Office Space in Fairbank Update
 - i. Facilities Director Bill Barletta gave the School Committee an update on the state of planning the new Fairbank municipal building, particularly as it applies to the SPS administrative office spaces, as well as a history of the work done thus far to assess the needs of the SPS administrative team. Mr. Barletta reviewed current office usage and compared it to the proposed space allocation for SPS.
 - ii. Following Mr. Barletta's update, the Committee discussed several topics, including: upcoming community meetings at which the Fairbank center would be reviewed; the adaptability of the space for future expansion of the SPS staff; how spaces are, and can be, shared between the building's occupants; and the sizes and maximum occupancies of the proposed conference rooms.
2. Public Comment

- a. Maia Proujansky-Bell spoke to the Committee about the importance of parent-teacher conferences.
 - b. Stephen Cass spoke to the Committee about concerns he has regarding SPS employing Superintendent Brad Crozier.
3. Educational Matters
- a. Districts Reports
 - i. SEA Report
 - 1. SEA Representative Annemarie Andrews informed the Committee on how Noyes observed the International Day of Play on February 5th. Ms. Andrews reported that some students played outside, some played with magnetic darts, and others played with crafts.
 - ii. Business and Finance Director's Report
 - 1. Business and Finance Director Don Sawyer reported to the Committee on the importance of an early bus registration period in light of the upcoming change in school start times. The district will be communicating with parents in the coming days on this matter.
 - iii. Assistant Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Assistant Superintendent Kim Swain told the Committee about the district's upcoming Family Math Night at Noyes on March 9.
 - iv. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Superintendent Brad Crozier began his report with a statement in response to the allegations made earlier in the evening by Mr. Cass.
 - 2. Superintendent Crozier then reported to the Committee on the Homework Forum that will happen on March 4. This Forum, to be held at Curtis Middle School, will feature a presentation by Dr. Victor Mercurio, followed by a question-and-answer period.
 - 3. Superintendent Crozier informed the Committee about his recent participation in Read Across America, at Loring Elementary School.
4. Business and Policy Matters
- a. Review Student Opportunity Act Submission Requirements
 - i. Superintendent Crozier led the Committee in a review of the details related to the additional funding being provided by the Student Opportunity Act. The district will need to write a grant, make a presentation to the community, and hold a School Committee vote on how to spend the funds. Superintendent Crozier will soon hold a meeting with the Interim Town Manager and the Town Finance Director to discuss the the Student Opportunity Act. The Committee will discuss the topic again during its second meeting in March, just before the grant submission deadline of April 1.
 - b. State of the Schools Expo Planning

to negotiations with union and nonunion personnel, as to do so in public session would be detrimental to the District's position; and to review and approve Executive Session minutes, to return at approximately 9:00 PM, Maggie Helon seconded.

i. **VOTE: 4-0.** Motion carries.

6. Business and Policy Matters II

a. Potential Vote on Union Memorandums of Agreement

i. None

b. Potential Vote on Non-Union Contracts

i. None

c. Potential Vote Related to Exception #1, as Discussed in Executive Session

i. Silvia Nersessian motioned to permit the student we discussed in Executive Session on February 10, 2020 to remain in the Sudbury Public Schools until the completion of eighth grade, Maggie Helon seconded.

1. **VOTE: 4-0.** Motion carries.

7. Adjournment

a. Maggie Helon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM, Meredith Gerson seconded.

i. **VOTE: 4-0.** Motion carries, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Dulak

Documents Reviewed During the February 24, 2020 School Committee Meeting

1. Combined Fairbank Community Center Facilities Questions
2. General Questions About User Group Contributions for Sudbury Public Schools (SPS) Administration Toward Fairbank Center Operation and Upkeep
3. DESE Student Opportunity Act Memo
4. Award Letter from Global Companies, LLC
5. Letter from Exxon Mobil to Principal Jeff Mela
6. Alliance Energy Check to Town of Sudbury
7. School Committee Meeting Minutes Draft, January 27, 2020
8. School Committee Meeting Minutes Draft, February 10, 2020
9. Homework Forum Flyer