

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Silvia Nerssessionian, Chair
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair
Nicole Burnard
Mandy Sim
Sarah Troiano

Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Kim Swain, Assistant Superintendent
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources
Angela Spirito, SEA Member

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Silvia Nerssessionian opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

1. Opening Statement / Regular Session
 - a. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian performed a roll call and made an announcement that the session is being recorded, shared live for the public to see and hear and there should be no expected right to privacy, as this is a public forum. Meredith Gerson, Nicole Burnard, Mandy Sim, Sarah Troiano and Silvia Nerssessionian all affirmed in the positive.
2. Public Comment:
 - a. None
3. Educational and Operational Matters
 - a. District Reports
 - i. SEA Report (Angela Spirito)
 1. Ms. Spirito shared updates on student experiences in Specialist and Unified Arts classes throughout the district.
 - ii. Director of Business and Human Resources Report
 1. Mr. Sawyer informed the Committee that the Governor has submitted a supplemental budget for approval which includes potential reimbursements for out of district tuition increases and funding to support universal free lunch for the 2023-2024 school

year. If approved, that money comes back to towns in the form of a grant.

2. Questions from the Committee included when the vote to approve the budget will take place and, if approved, how much will come back to the Town of Sudbury.
3. Clarification was made that these funds won't be available to Sudbury Public Schools immediately due to how the funds are distributed from the Town to Sudbury Public Schools.

iii. Assistant Superintendent Report

1. Ms. Swain shared celebrations within the district which included the Middle School Tenacity Challenge Team came in first place in math during the annual Tenacity Academic Competition. The team also received a spirit award. The English Language Development Team received a SERF grant to bring award winning author Jennifer DeLeon to the district for an author visit and Lauren Egizio and the eighth civics teachers received a grant from DESE to bring 4 teams of 8th graders to the state showcase on Civics Action projects.

iv. Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Crozier shared his Congratulations to all the middle school cast and crew on the recent production of Matilda.
2. Student services is offering the second night of evening hours to accept Kindergarten registration forms.
3. Sudbury Public Schools has received additional grant funding from DESE related to the METCO program.
4. He recently toured all of the school buildings with Town Manager, Andy Sheehan, to familiarize him with the buildings while updating him on ongoing and future proposed projects.
5. SMILE registrations continue to come in which now include the Ready for Kindergarten program.
6. The second annual Bus Driver and Crossing Guard Appreciation breakfast was recently held.
7. Clarifying questions from the Committee included more detail on the DESE grant received and where the Kindergarten registration night was being held.

4. Business and Policy Matters

a. FY24 Budget/Override Updates

- i. A number of community meetings have taken place in order to educate the community about the FY24 budget and override request.
- ii. The Finance Committee and Select Board continue to review the proposed budget and override request.

b. School Committee Mid-Year Goal Review

- i. The School Committee reviewed their previously approved goals to date which include Equity and Student Achievement.
 - c. School Committee Self Evaluation
 - i. Chair Nerssessionian polled the Committee to see if there is interest in doing a self evaluation. The Committee agreed to move forward with this.
 - d. FY24 School Committee Meeting Schedule
 - i. The Committee discussed the proposed calendar with a recommendation to move forward without any confirmed dates in both July and August until dates are better aligned with everyone's schedules.
 - ii. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moved to approve the School Committee Meeting Schedule for FY24 as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
 - 1. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - a. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 - b. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - c. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - d. Sarah Troiano: Aye
 - e. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
 - e. Monthly Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants Submission
 - i. No action required by the Committee.
 - f. Future Agenda Items
 - i. Chair Nerssessionian noted that the School Committee Self Evaluation and findings will be added to an upcoming agenda and a Tri-District update will be forthcoming.
 - g. Liaison Reports
 - i. None.
- 5. Adjournment
 - a. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
 - i. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - 1. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 - 2. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - 3. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - 4. Sarah Troiano: Aye
 - 5. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
 - a. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the March 20, 2023 School Committee Meeting

1. SC & Superintendent Goals 2022-2023
2. SC_SelfEval_SurveyMonkey
3. School Committee Meeting Schedule FY24
4. SC Meeting Warrant Summary - 031623.docx