

Sudbury School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2023  
Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Brad Crozier, Superintendent  
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources

**Regular Session Meeting**

Chair Silvia Nerssessionian opened the meeting at 7:00 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. Updates on Fall Town Meeting and Review SPS Warrant Articles
  - a. SPS will submit three warrant articles for consideration at the Fall Town Meeting. Superintendent Crozier clarified that SPS is not moving forward with the HVAC project previously discussed.
  - b. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve Town Warrant Article Funding of State Approved Special Education Out of District Tuition Cost Increase as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
  - c. This article is being recommended to receive funds providing relief to districts to offset a 14% increase in tuition rates for out of district student placements.
  - d. Comments and clarifying questions surrounded whether there is flexibility in changing the amount proposed in the article and appreciation for the proactiveness in trying to get the funding directly to the schools.
    - 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.

e. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the Town Warrant Article Nixon Elementary School Roof Schematic Design Fees as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.

f. Chair Nerssessian confirmed the amount being proposed for is based on the current cost estimate provided by Sandra Duran, Combined Facilities Director.

g. Minor formatting edits were recommended and agreed upon.

i. ROLL CALL VOTE

1. Meredith Gerson: Aye

2. Nicole Burnard: Aye

3. Mandy Sim: Aye

4. Sarah Troiano: Aye

5. Silvia Nerssessian: Aye

a. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

h. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the Town Warrant Article Increase to FY2024 Sudbury Public Schools General Fund Appropriation for Additional Chapter 70 State Aid as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.

i. Superintendent Crozier provided background information on how they came to the amount being proposed. Chair Nerssessian did confirm that the amount being asked for has been discussed with the Town.

j. The Committee seeked clarification on the wording in the article. Edits were recommended and agreed upon.

i. ROLL CALL VOTE

1. Meredith Gerson: Aye

2. Nicole Burnard: Aye

3. Mandy Sim: Aye

4. Sarah Troiano: Aye

5. Silvia Nerssessian: Aye

a. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

### 3. Adjournment

a. Chair Silvia Nerssessian moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 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 Nerssessian: Aye

a. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Williams  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**Documents Reviewed During the August 25, 2023 School Committee Meeting**

1. **FY24 Fall TM Warrant Article\_State Supplemental Budget for OOD Tuition Increase**
2. **FY24 Fall TM Warrant Article\_Nixon Roof Designer Fee Funding**
3. **FY24\_Fall TM Warrant Article\_FY24 SPS GF Appropriation Increase for Additional State Aid**