

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 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
Kim Swain, Assistant Superintendent
Drew Kelsey, SEA Representative

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. Public Comment
 - a. None
3. Special Matters
 - a. 2023 MCAS Report
 - i. In order to give the School Committee more time to evaluate the MCAS presentation, Superintendent Crozier suggested moving it to the next meeting on November 20th. All School Committee members were in agreement.
4. Educational and Operational Matters
 - a. SEA Report (Drew Kelsey)
 - i. Mr. Kelsey gave an update on the different ways in how teachers communicate with families including the use of weekly newsletters, parent teacher conferences and platforms such as SeeSaw and Schoology.
 - b. District Reports
 - i. Director of Business and Human Resources Report
 1. Mr. Sawyer provided no reports or updates this week.
 - ii. Assistant Superintendent Report

1. Ms. Swain provided updates including her Congratulations to Karen Wolfson for being selected to serve a year commitment on the MCAS Bias and Sensitivity Committee.
 2. All entitlement grants have been approved and the Title 3 Consortium was approved again this year.
- iii. Superintendent's Report
1. Superintendent Crozier shared an update from the Fall Town Meeting including that Articles 11 and 12 that were submitted by Sudbury Public Schools were approved. Article 13 did not pass.
 2. The Committee asked clarifying questions about whether SPS would schedule an article for the town meeting in May if state funding does not flow straight to SPS and if there was any indication that the MSBA accelerated program will be moving forward.
 3. The Curtis Outdoor Wellness Structure continues to progress with surveyors marking out the footprint of the space and equipment installers are on site and beginning their work.
 4. Questions from the Committee surrounded what the plan is if temperatures don't allow for continued work.
5. Business and Policy Matters
- a. 2024 - 2025 School Calendar - DRAFT
 - i. The School Committee reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 school calendar.
 - ii. Questions regarding when ILAP days will be provided and clarification on where the religious holidays are pulled from were asked by the Committee.
 1. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the Sudbury Public Schools 2024-2025 calendar as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
 - a. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - i. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 - ii. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - iii. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - iv. Sarah Troiano: Aye
 - v. Silvia Nerssessian: Aye
 1. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
 - b. Loring PTO Gift, Mural Donation
 - i. The Committee was provided with a letter describing the project and value of the donation for the Loring Mural project.
 1. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve a gift from the Loring PTO of a donation for two murals at Loring School in the amount of \$12,500.00 with gratitude. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
 - a. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - i. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 - ii. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - iii. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - iv. Sarah Troiano: Aye

- v. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
 - 1. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

c. Liaison Reports

- i. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian confirmed that the Town of Sudbury Finance Committee Budget Pressures Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th.

d. Minutes (September 11, 2023 and October 2, 2023)

- i. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the Sudbury School Committee open session meeting minutes from the September 11, 2023 and October 2, 2023 meetings as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.

1. ROLL CALL VOTE

- a. Meredith Gerson: Aye
- b. Nicole Burnard: Aye
- c. Mandy Sim: Aye
- d. Sarah Troiano: Aye
- e. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

6. Executive Session

- a. Motion and vote to convene in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for the following purposes:

- i. Purpose (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically the Superintendent and
- ii. Purpose (7) to review and approve minutes from the following Sudbury School Committee executive session meetings of October 2, 2023 and October 16, 2023.

- 1. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to convene in executive session not to return to open session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for the following purposes. Purpose 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically the Superintendent, and purpose 7 to review and approve minutes from the following Sudbury School Committee executive session meetings of October 2, 2023 and October 16, 2023. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.

a. ROLL CALL VOTE

- i. Meredith Gerson: Aye
- ii. Nicole Burnard: Aye
- iii. Mandy Sim: Aye
- iv. Sarah Troiano: Aye
- v. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye

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

- 2. Chair Nerssessionian confirmed that the Sudbury School Committee will be entering into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for the following purposes. Purpose 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct contract

negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically the Superintendent and purpose 7 to review and approve minutes from the following Sudbury School Committee executive session meetings of October 2, 2023 and October 16, 2023 and not to return to open session.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the November 6, 2023 School Committee Meeting

1. 2024-2025 School Calendar_DRAFT
2. Loring PTO_ Mural Donation
3. 091123_Sudbury School Committee Minutes_DRAFT
4. 100223_Sudbury School Committee Minutes_DRAFT