

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Silvia Nerssessian, 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
David Williams, SEA Representative
Bryant Amitrano, Haynes School Principal
Annette Doyle, Noyes School Principal
Sarah Harvey, Loring School Principal
Jeff Mela, Curtis Middle School Principal
Susan Woods, Nixon School Principal

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Silvia Nerssessian opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Statement / Regular Session
 - a. Chair Silvia Nerssessian 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 Nerssessian all affirmed in the positive.

2. Budget Hearing
 - a. Superintendent's Recommended FY25 Budget
 - i. Chair Silvia Nerssessian moves to open the Sudbury School Committee Budget Hearing. 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 Nerssessian: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
 - ii. Superintendent Crozier reviewed the proposed budget, noting adjustments made from earlier discussions.
 - iii. No questions or feedback was provided by the public.
 - iv. Questions from the Committee included clarification on where the Pre-K funds have been allocated, Kindergarten Teacher Assistant support, and other potential funding for UDL retrofit for classrooms.

- v. Chair Silvia Nerssessian moved to close the public hearing on the FY25 Superintendent's Recommended Budget. 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 Nerssessian: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

- 3. Public Comment

- a. None

- 4. Educational and Operational Matters

- a. SEA Report (David Williams)

- i. Mr. Williams provided examples of hands-on learning related to science and technology courses that are being taught to students across the district. These consist of STEM bins, energy units, coding activities, unbalanced forces, and natural hazards.

- b. District Reports

- i. Director of Business and Human Resources Report

- 1. Mr. Sawyer had nothing new to report to the Committee.

- ii. Assistant Superintendent Report

- 1. Ms. Swain shared that Betsy Grams and Stephanie Juriansz received a \$22,000.00 grant awarded to develop units on disability awareness from the Sudbury Foundation.

- iii. Superintendent's Report

- 1. Superintendent Crozier shared that today is the first day in the new building for Central Office staff.

- 5. Business and Policy Matters

- a. Superintendent's Recommended FY25 Budget Workshop

- i. Bryant Amitrano, Principal, Haynes Elementary School
- ii. Annette Doyle, Principal, Noyes Elementary School
- iii. Sara Harvey, Principal, Loring Elementary School
- iv. Jeff Mela, Principal, Curtis Middle School
- v. Susan Woods, Principal, Nixon Elementary School
 - 1. Each Principal covered budgetary priorities at each school and their relevance to supporting student needs. At the middle school, intervention services were discussed. Professional development, site-based learning opportunities, project-based learning opportunities, summer programming, and instructional support positions were discussed at the elementary schools.
 - 2. The Committee shared they were grateful to see the evidence and examples of success programs they have advocated for being implemented.

3. Questions from the Committee surrounded students not enrolled in health classes, wait lists for intervention services courses, and the availability of executive function courses for next year's 6th grade students.
 - b. Monthly Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants Submission
 - i. No further action required by the Committee.
 - c. Future Agenda Items
 - i. The At-A-Glance Newsletter will be brought back to the Committee at the next meeting for final approval.
 - ii. The Tri-District and Legislative Forum are both forthcoming.
6. Adjournment
- a. Chair Silvia Nerssessian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mandy Sim 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 December 18, 2023 School Committee Meeting

1. **FY25 Superintendent Recommended Budget**
2. **SC Meeting Warrant Summary - 121423**