

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024

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
Lauren Egizio, Humanities Curriculum Coordinator
Karen Wolfson, Math Curriculum Coordinator
Angela Spirito, SEA Representative

Regular Session Meeting

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

1. Public Hearing
 - a. 2024 - 2025 School Choice Public Hearing
 - i. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moved to open the 2024-2025 School Choice Public Hearing. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.
 - ii. Superintendent Crozier reviewed the background on the School Choice program and provided the rationale for why Sudbury Public Schools does not participate in the program.
 - iii. The meeting was opened to the public as an opportunity to provide feedback and or ask questions. There were no comments or questions from the public.
 - iv. Chair Silvia Nerssessian moved to close the School Choice Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 school year. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.
 - b. 2024 - 2025 School Choice Vote
 - i. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moved to decline participation in the School Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year and affirm School Committee Policy JFBB-1. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.
2. Public Comment
 - a. None
3. Educational and Operational Matters
 - a. Academic Benchmarking

- i. Lauren Egizio - Humanities Curriculum Coordinator, Kim Swain - Assistant Superintendent and Karen Wolfson - Math Curriculum Coordinator
 - 1. The Committee was presented with an update on academic benchmarking and progress to date by members of the Curriculum Team. Karen Wolfson, Math Curriculum Coordinator reviewed the types of assessments that are given and shared how the data is reviewed and used.
 - 2. Lauren Egizio, Humanities Curriculum Coordinator, reviewed the ELA Curriculum Review timeline. She also shared the progress students have made from the beginning of the year to date, reviewed the types of screening assessments that are used and shared next steps specific to grade levels.
 - 3. Discussion and questions surrounded middle school data, math pilot next steps, math standards, consistency with testing and scoring as well as ELA shifts in learning, dibels tracking and progress on equity in sub groups.

- b. SEA Report (Angela Spirito)
 - i. Ms. Spirito shared grade level student activities in specialist areas across the District. A Noyes first grader won honorable mention from the Massachusetts Library Association bookmark contest. She closed by acknowledging beloved Art Teacher, Colby Caravaggio, who recently passed away. He was always smiling, inspirational and was an unwavering friend and colleague.

- c. District Reports
 - i. Director of Business and Human Resources Report
 - 1. Mr. Sawyer provided updates including bus registration kicked off on March 26th and ends on May 14th. Both emails and text messages have gone to families notifying them that registration is open.
 - 2. Annual open enrollment for Sudbury staff members is open from April 3 through May 1st.
 - 3. He closed by sharing an update on the AP warrant schedule for future meetings.

 - ii. Assistant Superintendent Report
 - 1. Ms. Swain congratulated the Tenacity Team for winning first place in a literacy competition. They won 3rd place overall. She provided thanks to Monique Grannum for coaching the group.
 - 2. She also shared congratulations to Michael Neagle and Lauren Egizio for receiving a SERF grant for a subscription to the Goosechase App. This is used for interactive experiences and will be used during the DC trip for student challenges throughout the day.
 - 3. Select ensembles will be touring the elementary schools on Thursday.

 - iii. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Crozier shared his thanks to those who not only went to the Tenacity Challenge but helped to ready the students. They included Kim Swain, Leslie Smart, Monique Grannum and Jeff Mela.
2. He also shared his excitement about the upcoming art display at Central Office where art created by students will be showcased to transform our new space.
3. He recently attended a legislative breakfast where he advocated for adequate funding on budget priorities including Chapter 70 funds, the Student Opportunity Act and special education.
4. Bus driver, crossing guard and bus monitor appreciation breakfast was recently celebrated in the District and Unified Games at Curtis was a great success. Thanks to Curtis Staff who helped to coach and coordinate the games.

4. Business and Policy Matters

- a. School Committee Meeting Schedule for FY25
 - i. The proposed meeting schedule for FY25 was reviewed. The Committee discussed rotating these meetings between in person and online with the July meeting being held in person as a workshop.
 - ii. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the School Committee meeting schedule for FY25 as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.
- b. School Committee Mid-Year Goals Review
 - i. The Committee reviewed their FY24 goals to date.
- c. Vote on ACCEPT Education Collaborative Articles of Agreement
 - i. Superintendent Crozier shared that ACCEPT Collaborative interviewed and would like to accept Westboro into the Collaborative. Because this is a change in membership, this needs to be approved by members of the Collaborative as well as DESE.
 - ii. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to accept the changes to the ACCEPT Collaborative Agreement as presented and to authorize Chair Silvia Nerssessian to sign the ACCEPT Collaborative Agreement on behalf of the Sudbury School Committee. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.
- d. FY24 Superintendent Evaluation Process
 - i. The Committee discussed the standard process for when School Committee members are departing the Committee during the Superintendent's evaluation process. They discussed both the guidance provided by MASC and the Superintendent Evaluation Timeline.
 - ii. The Committee unanimously agreed to have feedback provided from Chair Silvia Nerssessian and member Sarah Troiano prior to their departure.
- e. Town Meeting Warrant Article
 - i. School Classroom Instructional Equipment Replacement
 1. Chair Nerssessian shared that Town Manager, Andy Sheehan, recommended to have ARPA funds cover the School Classroom

Instructional Equipment Replacement article. This was supported and approved by the Select Board.

2. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to indefinitely postpone the Sudbury Public Schools Warrant Article for the School Classroom Instructional Equipment Replacement. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.

- f. Monthly Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants Submission
 - i. No action required by the Committee.
 - g. Future Agenda Items
 - i. The School Committee Self Evaluation is upcoming.
 - ii. The April 29th meeting being held at the Kroc Center in Boston will be shortened due to the center closing at 8:00 p.m.
 - h. Liaison Reports
 - i. MASC's Advocacy Day on the Hill is scheduled for Monday, May 6th.
 - ii. The Tri-District is in discussions about combined communications strategies.
 - iii. Fin Com is working on their report and if voted upon, Chair Nerssessionian will share that report for informational purposes prior to Town Meeting.
5. Adjournment
- a. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the April 8, 2024 School Committee Meeting

1. **SPS Public Notice_SchoolChoice_032924**
2. **JFBB-1**
3. **Benchmarking Presentation.Spr 2024.SC**
4. **School Committee Meeting Schedule FY25**
5. **2023-2024 School Committee Goals**
6. **ACCEPT Education Collaborative Agreement - Summary of Revisions for Approval**
7. **ACCEPT COLLAB AGREEMENT - Redline Proposed Revisions - 3-6-2024**
8. **ACCEPT COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT - 3-6-24 For School Committee Approval**
9. **FY24 Superintendent Evaluation Timeline**
10. **FY25 Warrant Article_Classroom Instructional Equipment Replacement_Town Counsel Rec**
11. **SC Meeting Warrant Summary - 040424**