

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2025

Members Present:

Nicole Burnard, Chair
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair
Karyn Jones
Mandy Sim
Mary Stephens

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Annette Doyle, Assistant Superintendent
Lauren Egizio, Humanities Curriculum Coordinator
Angela Spirito, SEA Rep and Kindergarten Teacher

Absent:

Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Nicole Burnard opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment
 - a. Nancy Brumback, 36 Canterbury Drive, advocated for legislation for remote access to in person meetings.
 - b. Kay Bell, Sudbury resident, advocated for a hybrid option to School Committee meetings.
2. Educational and Operational Matters
 - a. SEA Report (Angela Spirito)
 - i. Ms. Spirito reported that elementary educators are analyzing MCAS data to identify areas for improvement in ELA and math with a goal to target individual students' needs.
 - ii. The Committee asked whether Curtis goes through the same MCAS analysis.
 - b. District Reports
 - i. Director of Business and Human Resources Report
 1. Mr. Sawyer was not present.
 - ii. Assistant Superintendent Report
 1. The virtual Kickoff to Kindergarten webinar is scheduled for January 28th and will cover curriculum, school safety, registration and tips for transitioning your child. Registration for FY26 PK is underway.

- iii. Recommended changes to the ELA Curriculum Update Warrant Article were made and agreed upon. The revised version will be presented at the next School Committee meeting for a vote.
 - 1. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the FY26 Warrant Article for School Classroom Instructional Replacement. Mandy Sim seconded the motion. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
 - 2. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the FY26 Warrant Article for Sudbury Public Schools Instrumental Music Revolving Fund as presented. Mandy Sim seconded the motion. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
 - 3. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the FY26 Sudbury Public Schools Bus Revolving Fund as presented. Mandy Sim seconded the motion. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
 - iv. Member Karyn Jones asked to have the Special Education Stabilization Fund article included for the Committee to review.
 - v. She reviewed how the Stabilization Fund works and the law that supports it.
 - vi. Discussion amongst the Committee surrounded the avenue for approving such funds and clarification on a prior town meeting warrant article.
 - vii. The Committee chose not to proceed with adding this as a Town Warrant Article and expressed their gratitude to Ms. Jones for her research and for presenting it for review.
- d. School Committee and Subcommittee Meeting Discussion
- i. Hybrid Meetings; Subcommittee Meetings; Meeting Schedule
 - 1. The Committee discussed hybrid meetings, noting that many comparable districts offer a similar format to SPS. With guidance from the state expected in March, they will wait for the final ruling before making decisions. Additionally, the possibility of allowing remote participation during public comment will be explored.
 - 2. Questions were raised about remote public comment during in-person meetings, the participation of remote and in-person members during meetings, and whether Select Board policy states how other Committees conduct their meetings.
 - 3. Regarding Subcommittee meetings, the Committee discussed the benefits to allow for livestream coverage and what it would entail. They agreed to livestream and record, will inquire if Sudbury TV can record if available and will need to ensure staff is available to help run the meeting.
 - 4. Questions regarding if the decision to livestream is made between the whole Committee or the Subcommittee itself was asked.
 - 5. In regards to the meeting schedule, the protocol on Subcommittee agenda packets was discussed as well as a member suggesting a more consistent process when adjusting meeting dates and times.
- e. Monthly Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants Submission
- i. No further action required by the Committee.
- f. Liaison Reports

- i. The Communications Subcommittee met recently. The At-A-Glance Newsletter will be presented at a future meeting for approval. A survey and role and responsibilities sheet will also be presented for review.
 - ii. SEPAC will have their next remote meeting on February 6th at 7:00 p.m. Parent surveys are due by January 10th.
 - iii. A Policy Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for January 24th at 10:00 a.m. Policies that were voted to be presented to the full Committee are forthcoming. These include policies related to Title 9, JIJC Student of Technology as well as Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Student policies.
 - iv. A Capital Planning meeting including LSRHS, Select Board, Fin Com, CIAC and SPS is upcoming. Superintendent Crozier and Director of Business and Finance, Don Sawyer are scheduled to present.
- g. Minutes (12/2/24 and 12/5/24)
 - i. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the Sudbury School Committee open session meetings minutes from December 2nd and December 5th as amended. Mandy Sim seconded the motion.
 - ii. Minor edits were recommended and approved. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
- 4. Adjournment
 - a. Chair Nicole Burnard moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m. Mandy Sim seconded the motion. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Julie Williams
 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the January 6, 2025 School Committee Meeting

1. Peter Noyes Outdoor Playground Backboards Approval
2. ELA Adoption Presentation1_6_24
3. FY26 Warrant Article_Classroom Instructional Equipment Replacement_Town Counsel Rec
4. FY26 SPS Instrumental Music rev fund Warrant Article
5. FY26 SPS Bus Rev. Fund Warrant Article
6. FY26 ELA Curriculum Implementation Warrant Article
7. ASPESF_TownWarrantArticle
8. HybridMeeting
9. SC Meeting Warrant Summary - 010325
10. 120224_Sudbury School Committee Minutes_DRAFT
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Additional Documents Reviewed

1. K Bell Meeting Modes