

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
December 18, 2002**

Present: Rich Robison, Chairperson, Karen Krone, Vice Chairperson
Members: Kathy Precourt, Jane Santinelli
Also Present: William J. Hurley, Superintendent, Patti Grenier, Assistant Superintendent,
Paul Funk, Director of Business & Finance, Betsey Whitney, SEA

Karen Krone called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A Bill schedule was presented.

B. Superintendent Search

Karen Krone presented an updated Site Visit schedule. Notification has been sent to all staff regarding the site visits and their opportunity for feedback.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized the Middle School orchestra, chorus and select jazz band who performed at the State House last week. The Superintendent also recognized Mala Gillin, Linda Hanson and Bob Mealy, music teachers, for organizing the performance.

The Superintendent recognized 6th Grade Forest Team students James Deck, Joe Anderson, Andrew Lasky, and Greg Staley, who recently held a bake sale and raised \$100 for the Red Cross. The Superintendent also recognized Craig Paczkowski, Guidance Counselor, for helping the students organize their efforts.

The Superintendent recognized the Literacy Specialists who have been working on a comprehensive literacy program for the District.

The Superintendent recognized Nixon Teachers, Debbie Warner and Sandy Bell, who have been Cooperating Teachers for Boston College student teachers, and have recently been invited to teach a course at BC for cooperating teachers.

Betsey Whitney pointed out that the Student Teachers from Boston College sit down with SEA representatives each semester to inform them of the role of the Association.

B. FY '04 Budget

The Superintendent reported that a 0%, 3%, and 5% budget were presented to the Finance Committee and Paul Funk presented a 3.4% Budget which included an increase in some Expense items.

VOTED: On a motion by Kathy Precourt, seconded by Karen Krone, to accept an FY '04 Budget of \$22,781,917 which represents a 3% increase. The vote was 3-in favor, 1-abstention. The Chairman abstained.

Open Forum II

Kat Strahan appreciates the discussion the Committee has had regarding the Budget. What is the salary assumption that goes into the 3% Budget? The Superintendent replied some amount of money is included but negotiations are currently being held. She asked about the \$800,000 insurance costs? The Superintendent explained that benefits are not part of the School Department Operating Budget.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. The Superintendent announced the receipt of a letter of retirement from Dr. Kevin Plodzik, Curtis Middle School Principal, at the end of the 2002-2003 School Year. The Superintendent recognized the outstanding job Kevin has done improving the school culture at the middle school.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Karen Krone, to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2002 Regular Meeting as presented. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Karen Krone, to accept the minutes of the December 2 & 3, 2002 Executive Sessions as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Betsey Whitney reported that in her opinion the Superintendent search was well handled and praised the efforts of Jane Santinelli and Bill Braun.

Kathy Precourt questioned the Domino's Pizza expense on the Bill Schedule.

This is for school lunch and is offset by the Food Service Budget. She also questioned the vendor First Student. Paul Funk explained that this is the name of the bus company.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Kathy Precourt, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Negotiations, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 4-0 in favor. The time was 8:50 p.m.

Yes Jane Santinelli

Yes Rich Robison

Yes Karen Krone

Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary