

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
February 26, 2003**

Present: Rich Robison, Chairperson, Karen Krone, Vice Chairperson

Members: Bill Braun, Kathy Precourt, Jane Santinelli

Also Present: William J. Hurley, Superintendent, Patti Grenier, Assistant Superintendent,

Paul Funk, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Beth Brown, SEA

Rich Robison 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. Donations to Sudbury Public Schools

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Bill Braun, to accept cash donations from the following individuals: George & Sharon Kerns, Steven Burke & Mary Ellen Conroy and Catherine & Brian Dingman. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. Housing Authority Request Update

Bill Braun had no formal update. He has received from the Housing Authority the wording of the conditions and terms expressed by the School Committee and will distribute to all members.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized and thanked the following Curtis Principal Search Committee members: Patti Grenier, Paul Funk, Chris Ellersick, Tamilyn Giacalone, Jane Santinelli, Tom Lopez, Patrice Hurley, Mary Mahoney, Beverly Hollis, Suzanne Doran, and David Jurewicz.

The Superintendent recognized Missy Lee, first grade teacher at Loring, who was recently highlighted in the monthly publication, Teacher K-8.

The Superintendent recognized Paul Barrette and Bob Kavanagh, Technology Specialists, for working with the local cable company to update the local networks.

The Superintendent recognized Patti Grenier for her recent appointment as Superintendent for the Carver Public Schools.

B. Budget Update

The Superintendent reported that the Finance Committee voted a recommended budget with a 0% increase. This would mean the Schools' budget would be reduced by approximately \$91,000. This would be in addition to the approximately \$166,000 of reductions previously identified. Therefore, at least a \$250,000 total reduction will need to be made. Additional considerations will be any reductions in local aid and the results of contract negotiations. Bill Braun and Jane Santinelli will work with the Superintendent and Paul Funk on a presentation for Town Meeting.

C. Administrative Search Update

The Superintendent reported on the several administrative searches:

- The interview committee for the Curtis principalship began today.
- 20-25 applications for the Business Manager have been received. Six have been identified and will be interviewed by Bill Hurley, Patti Grenier and Paul Funk. If there are any strong possibilities, a second interview with John Brackett will be scheduled.
- The Assistant Superintendent position will be posted.

D. Nixon School Egress

The Superintendent expressed his support for an additional egress at the Nixon School. Bill Braun will contact Bill Place to discuss the project.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to pursue with the appropriate Town boards the design and engineering plans for the egress at the Nixon School. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

E. EDCO/CASE Educators Forum

The Superintendent reported the joint EDCO and CASE Board of Directors Educators Forum will be held on Friday, March 28, at the Raytheon Conference Center in Lexington. Any members interested in attending should contact Jan Sefter.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Rich Robison also presented the following:

- Invitation to join EDCO School Committee Leadership Group's upcoming meeting
- Newspaper story of the Ashland School Committee asking all unions to forgo raises
- Updated CORI Policy
- A letter from Minuteman Technical School regarding cuts to the Middle School Technical Program

Karen Krone presented an outstanding policy manual issue regarding "furry" animals. Karen received a letter from the School Nurses asking that this issue be addressed. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Kathy Precourt, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2003 Executive Session as presented and the minutes of the February 5, 2003 Regular Session with the following change: page 2, **Landscape Beautification Sign** - delete last sentence and add "The Superintendent will inform the Haynes Principal to send a letter of thanks to the newspaper and not allow posting of a sign on school property." The vote was 4-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Rich Robison reported on the State reorganization which splits the State Executive Office of Health and Human Services into three separate organizational clusters. Community Partnership money is gone in the Education Budget. The Federal Government increased IDEA funding in the FY '03 budget.

Patti Grenier reported that her new position as Superintendent in Carver will begin July 1.

VOTED: On a motion by Karen Krone, seconded by Bill Braun, to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of Collective Bargaining, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:00 p.m.

- Yes Bill Braun
- Yes Jane Santinelli
- Yes Rich Robison
- Yes Karen Krone
- Yes Kathy Precourt

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary