

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Public Forum & Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2004**

Present: Bill Braun, Chairperson, Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson

Members: Rich Robison, Susan Iuliano, Alexa Crowe

Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent,

Mary Will, Director of Business & Finance, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Mary Mahoney, SEA

Bill Braun called the Public Forum portion of the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Brackett made a presentation on the FY '06 Budget.

Bill Braun asked for input from those in attendance.

Carol Zais asked if we have to stay at 2 1/2%? Bill Braun explained that Proposition 2 1/2 determines the tax levy, but revenues typically are more than 2 1/2%. The Finance Committee has asked for a 3% Budget. She encouraged the School Committee to go for the largest budget possible and stated that a group is already forming to support an override.

Karen Parker expressed concern about class size.

Susan Richman would support an override. The impacts to the schools are starting to be felt. Keep class sizes low and concentrate on math.

Carol Zais stressed that the infrastructure needs to be supported.

Susan Richman asked if there is any early information from the Space Committee that would impact the FY '06 budget. Bill Braun stated that there won't be any impact on the '06 Budget. He stated that the Space Committee's job is to do an inventory of available space and how it's being utilized, but we are a few years away from any impact.

Brent Forester stressed the importance of keeping class sizes low. He also thanked the Committee for the Special Education work that is done in the schools.

Bill Braun informed the audience that the web site will be kept updated regarding the budget process.

Laurie Wishner invited everyone in attendance to attend the L-S Budget Hearing on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 in Conference Room A.

Bill Braun closed the Public Forum portion of the meeting and called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognitions

Bill Braun recognized Dr. Brackett for an excellent budget presentation.

B. FY '06 Budget

Dr. Brackett asked for guidance in further developing a budget for the Committee to vote at its next meeting. The Committee is interested in voting at least a level service budget with some restorations and gave Dr. Brackett some recommendations on what those restorations could be.

C. 2005-2006 School Calendar

A draft 2005-2006 School Calendar was presented for Committee review.

Attempts to coordinate the calendar with L-S was suggested. The start date should be voted as soon as possible.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Dr. Brackett presented a letter on a proposed name change for the charter school in Framingham and that its region would expand to include Sudbury.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2004 Regular Session as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Rich Robison reported that IDEA will be signed this week. The State is proposing changes in Special Ed regulations.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 10:25 p.m.

Yes Bill Braun
Yes Jane Santinelli
Yes Rich Robison
Yes Alexa Crowe
Yes Susan Iuliano

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary