

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2005**

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 meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Dr. Brackett introduced the new principal of Loring School, Clif LaPorte. Mr. LaPorte commented on a very thorough interview process.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

B. Annual Vote on School Choice

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to not participate in School Choice. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

C. School Committee Reorganization

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to nominate Jane Santinelli as Chairperson. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Rich Robison, to nominate Susan Iuliano as Vice Chairperson. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

D. School Committee Liaisons, Subcommittees and Delegate to MASC

The Committee assigned liaisons and members to subcommittees. Committee members are asked to review this information for vote at the next meeting.

E. 2005-2006 School Committee Meeting Schedule

A Monday Meeting Schedule and a Wednesday Meeting Schedule were presented.

The Committee agreed on the Monday Schedule, with amendments. Members are asked to consider this further for a vote at the next meeting.

F. Anti-Bullying Policy

Susan Iuliano provided background information and explained the efforts of the Anti-Bullying Task Force. A draft Anti-Bullying Policy was presented for Committee review.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the Anti-Bullying Policy as amended. The vote was 5-0 in favor. This policy will be presented for a second vote at the next meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

The Superintendent recognized Diane Lane, Curtis Librarian, who recently received a fellowship from the Mass. Historical Society. She will be doing research and writing a book for middle school students on Horace Mann.

The Superintendent also recognized members of the Curtis Science Olympiad Team who recently won the State competition. They will be representing Massachusetts at the National Competition at the University of Illinois. Science Curriculum Specialist Karen McCarthy is head coach of the teams.

B. Space Priority

Bob Milley presented a Space and Growth Report that reflects the needs of co-core programs and supplemental services and the implications of reduced space.

C. 2005-2006 School Calendar

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to accept the 2005-2006 School Calendar as amended. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

D. Award of Transportation Contract

Mary Will presented two bids received for transportation services. She recommended awarding the contract to First Student, Inc.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to award the Transportation Contract to First Student, Inc. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

E. Science Olympiad Gift Fund

Mary Will explained the current effort to raise funds for the Curtis Science Olympiad's trip to Illinois. She requested setting up a gift fund so the School Committee can accept donations for purposes of funding this trip.

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to establish a gift fund to accept donations for the Science Olympiad Fund.

New Appointment to the Permanent Building Committee

Bill Braun informed the Committee of the need to reappoint the School Committee's delegate to the Permanent Building Committee.

VOTED: On a motion by Susan Iuliano, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to appoint Dave Yankovich as the School Committee's delegate to the Permanent Building

Committee. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

F. Impact of Override

The Superintendent presented actions provided by the FY '06 Override. Three hiring fairs have been attended. Jobs have been posted and the process to fill positions is well underway.

Open Forum II

Mary Mahoney invited Committee members to a Softball Bonanza on May 13 to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet. Bill Braun noted communication between the Superintendent and the Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School (AMSA) regarding Sudbury students enrolled in AMSA for next year.

IV. Minutes

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Susan Iuliano, to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2005 Regular Meeting as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor (Jane Santinelli abstained).

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2005 Regular Meeting as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

VOTED: On a motion by Alexa Crowe, seconded by Jane Santinelli, to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2005 Regular Meeting as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor (Rich Robison abstained).

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

Mary Will reported that she is in the process of replacing an aging van.

Rich Robison will miss the May 11 meeting.

Susan Iuliano and Joanne Bleiler will miss the June 8 meeting.

John Brackett reported that a committee is being formed to continue discussions around the food allergy policy. Susan Iuliano and Alexa Crowe will serve on that Committee.

John Brackett informed the Committee that the First Parish Church is considering

installing a cell tower on the church. The Church is interested in the School Committee's concerns regarding Noyes. No concerns were expressed.

SERF Just Desserts fund raiser will be held on Saturday, May 7.

Rich Robison acknowledged Bill Braun's dedicated service as the chairperson of the Committee.

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 11:30 a.m.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary