

**Sudbury Public Schools
Sudbury, Massachusetts
School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2005**

Present: Bill Braun, Chairperson (at 8:10 p.m.), Jane Santinelli, Vice Chairperson
Members: Rich Robison, Susan Iuliano, Alexa Crowe
Also Present: Dr. John Brackett, Superintendent, Robert Milley, Assistant Superintendent, Debbie Dixson, SPED Administrator, Amie Abdal-Khabir, SEA

Jane Santinelli called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Open Forum I

No comments.

I. School Committee Report

A. Bill Schedule

A bill schedule was presented.

II. Superintendent's Report

B. Library Media Specialists' Report

Bob Milley introduced the Library Media Specialists: Janet Jennings, Nixon School, Gay Gibson McDonald, Noyes School, Gail Keene, Loring School, Diane Lane, Curtis Middle School, and Jan Durgin, Haynes School. The Library Media Specialists gave a presentation on their roles and responsibilities.

I. School Committee Report

B. FY '06 Budget

Susan Iuliano and Bill Braun reported on a recent meeting with two Finance Committee representatives, the Town Manager and L-S School Committee Representatives and Superintendent. Budget issues, revenue projections and a possible override were discussed.

C. Space and Growth Study

The Superintendent presented the process for moving forward, A final report from the demographer will be presented at the next meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognition

There were no recognitions.

C. Special Education Enrollment Update

Debbie Dixson presented Sudbury's yearly State report on special education enrollment.

Open Forum II

No comments.

III. Communications

As outlined in the Communications Packet.

IV. Minutes

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

V. Personnel Action

As outlined in the Personnel Packet.

Member's Forum

John Brackett updated the Committee on the district's Tsunami Relief effort. The Middle School is selling wristbands and donating their money separately. Each elementary school will do their own fundraising (all will be selling wristbands, other ideas are being considered.) The elementary schools will pool their money and partner with a specific school through Save the Children organization to help build a school. Hopefully, a long-term relationship could be established. John also distributed a brochure on an effort by High School students to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Rich Robison informed the Committee that the Mass. DOE has proposed new Special Education regulations. Also, there are new provisions to IDEA regarding educational materials. Rich also informed the Committee of a conversation with a parent regarding a ticket system that some teachers were using for behavior. He was concerned about the potential negative impact of such a system. Dr. Brackett said teachers use a variety of methods to improve student behavior, but he would investigate this particular issue.

Alexa Crowe distributed a brochure about a multicultural night at Noyes School called Hopscotch Around the Globe.

Bob Milley reported on a new ELL student who successfully transitioned into the Haynes Program.

Debbie Dixson reported on a presentation by Peg Mongello of Teachers 21 on Differentiated Instruction recently held at Curtis. She also reported that she spent some time at the Dover-Sherborn School District and worked with the DOE on a coordinated review program in anticipation of Sudbury's review next year.

VOTED: On a motion by Jane Santinelli, seconded by Alexa Crowe, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 11:05 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

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

Submitted by Joanne Bleiler, Recording Secretary