

## **Sutton School Committee** **Sutton, Massachusetts 01590**

The Sutton School Committee met in Room 1A of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**School Committee Members present** at the meeting were Mr. Paul Brennan, Chair, Ms. Liisa Locurto, Vice-chair, Ms. Tracey Zuliani, Secretary and Ms. Wendy Mead.

**Administrators present** at the meeting were Dr. Cecilia Di Bella, Superintendent, Ms. Susan Rothermich, Business Manager, Ms. Lauren Dubeau, Simonian Center Principal, Mr. Michael Breault, Elementary School Principal and Mr. Gerard Goyette

**Others present** – Dan Hall, Student Representative.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Citizen Forum**

No one wished to speak.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda**

Ms. Locurto moved and Ms. Mead seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and the Bill Schedule dated November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as presented. Carried 4/0

### **Agenda Item 4 – Student Update**

Dan Hall, Student Representative, reported the following:

- It is currently a heavy academic time with a lot of tests.
- Sports are currently in a lull, however it was noted that the girl's soccer team had a great season and made it to the semi-finals.
- The annual volley ball fund-raising tournament will be held tomorrow night, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Teams consist of mostly students, but there are other teams as well, including some teacher teams and a police team. This event raises money for the senior class.
- The 'big friends' program with the elementary school recently held an ice cream social.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Discuss FY 2010-2015 Capital Plan**

Ms. Rothermich reviewed the Town-wide priority category/point system and the Sutton Schools five-year Capital Plan. The school administrators reviewed the plan on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Items were added based on schools' three-year plans. This item will be brought back at the next meeting for a vote. In the meantime, any questions can be sent to Ms. Rothermich.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Discuss Three-Year Plans for the Simonian Center and the Elementary School**

Ms. Dubeau, Principal of the Simonian Center and Mr. Breault, Principal of the Elementary School each presented their three-year plans, which were discussed previously with the school council in preparation for the FY 2010 budget planning.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Discuss FY 2010 Budget Schedule**

Dr. Di Bella presented the Town budget process and timeline in the context of the School Committee's monthly schedule of agenda items. A joint meeting will be held next Monday, December 1st with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee to discuss revenue projections and financial planning in advance of the FY 2010 budget process. The Committee postponed action on this item until after the December 1<sup>st</sup> session.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Approval of Superintendent's FY'09 Goals**

Ms. Locurto moved and Ms. Mead seconded to approve the Superintendent's goals as presented.

Carried 4/0

### **Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Di Bella presented the following:

- Commended Kelly Whittier and the Future Teachers/educators Group. Earlier in the evening new members were inducted and the Sutton chapter was named in memory of Adam Cox. It was a very thoughtful event and the Cox family was extremely grateful.
- Update on 'Alert Now' phone notification call system. A very successful test was conducted last Thursday. Many 'thanks' to the PTO for making this happen, to the parents for their work filling out the forms and to the Technology Department for uploading the data and all of its work to implement the system.
- Sutton's annual Chain of Lights event is coming up on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-4. There are three new stops this year, including the Middle School. The Planning Committee and community are looking forward to another great year.
- Results were released today of an interim report from Mass Tells (<http://masstells.org/>) a state-wide survey of educators conducted last spring. 40,000 educators responded, providing their views about teaching and learning conditions, including leadership, empowerment, facilities, resources, and professional development in their schools. Sutton responses were very favorable to the system. Results will be included in the packets at the next meeting.
- Sutton has received material and feedback from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MBSA) suggesting that they are ready to pay attention to Sutton.
- A search has been launched for a Middle School principal. Mr. Breault is chairing the search committee and is asking for member of the School Committee to be part of the search committee; Ms. Mead volunteered.
- Very pleased to attend, and not judge, the annual Lions Club essay contest; six amazing high school students presented an essay on how modern media has affected our lives. Each approach was very different and all were excellent. Congratulations to Meaghan Vallcour, the winner!

### **Agenda Item 10 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items**

No new items. Dr. Di Bella, Ms. Zuliani, Mr. Brennan and Ms. Locurto commented on the recent MASS/MASC conference that they attended on Cape Cod, highlighting meaningful points.

### **Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment**

At 9:14 p.m., Ms. Mead moved and Ms. Locurto seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Carried 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena, Recording Secretary