

Sutton School Committee
Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in Room 1A of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, May 4th, 2009.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Mr. Paul Brennan, Ms. Liisa Locurto, Vice-chair, Ms. Tracey Zuliani, Secretary, and Ms. Pam Beaton Graves.

Administrators present at the meeting were Dr. Cecilia Di Bella, Superintendent.

Others present – none.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order – Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Citizens Forum – no one wished to speak.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Ms. Locurto moved and Ms. Beaton Graves seconded to approve the Bill Schedule of May 4th, 2009, as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

None present to provide an update.

Agenda Item 5 – Discuss School Improvement Plans for Simonian Center and Elementary School

Ms. Dubeau and Mr. Breault highlighted additions and extensions of their respective School Improvement Plans. There were some new goals noted, but most are a continuation of the previous plan. They then noted any changes to the Student Handbook relating to the Simonian Center and the Elementary School.

Ms. Locurto moved and Ms. Zuliani seconded to accept the School Improvement Plan for each school and to approve the School Handbook for each school.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 6 – Review Survey Monkey Questions

Once the questions on the survey are finalized, it will be put on the website in stages, allowing parents of students in more than one school to respond to each school survey separately. There are surveys for both the parents and the staff. Discussion ensued about questions on both surveys. The surveys will be changed to reflect the discussion and will be posted on the www.suttonschools.net website.

Agenda Item 7 – Review Warrant Articles for May 11th Town Meeting

There are three articles that are of importance to the School District; Articles 6, 7 and 8. Article 6 involves the town budget, of which the school budget is a part. Article 7 relates to the town's capital plan, which includes technology and textbooks for the schools and Article 8 relates to a 2-pronged vote

for the replacement of the Simonian Center roof. The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee have unanimously endorsed all three of these articles.

Agenda Item 8 – Update on FY 2010 Budget

There is nothing to report as there have been no changes in the budget numbers since the last meeting. At the next meeting, however, Mrs. Rothermich and Mr. Delongchamp will present a proposal for the purchase of an additional vehicle with the resulting savings.

Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent’s Evaluation

All feedback on the evaluation was positive.

Ms. Zuliani moved and Ms. Locurto seconded to approve the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update

Dr. Di Bella noted the following:

- Congratulations to the very talented Middle School students and their fine performance of ‘A Bag Full of Fables’, the school play. Special thanks to the faculty advisors, Emily Shugarman and Kevin Dowd.
- Congratulations to Michael Whittier who was honored recently as a recipient of a Blackstone Valley Education Foundation grant, “Design Space.”
- Congratulations to Ms. Kozik’s class for their success in the ‘Poetry Slam’.
- Two art shows showcasing student work; last weekend was ‘Art in the Valley’ and this Thursday will be a student art exhibit featuring K-12 and Sutton alumni in the high school gymnasium from 5-8pm. The High School Stage Band will also be playing in the “Jazz Café” during this time.
- The spring band concerts are scheduled for May 12, 13 and 14. The Sixth and Seventh Grade Band, the Eighth Grade Band, and the High School Band will play on those dates, respectively.
- On May 20th, there will be a Choral concert.
- May 16th is Recycling Day, sponsored by the High School PTO, from 9-3. This is a great fundraiser and a good way to clear out clutter from your home! All funds raised go towards the High School PTO. Details are on the website.
- Thank you to the Middle School PTO for all of their efforts for Teacher Appreciation Week!
- Information from the State Department of Health was sent home with all students regarding the H1N1 flu virus and the same information has been posted on the www.suttonschools.net website.
- Wednesday is School Nurse Recognition Day
- The worn out carpeting on the main hallway of Early Learning Center has now been completely replaced with tile and the results are fabulous!

Agenda Item 11 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

Ms. Locurto has packet for everyone with information that will help launch the search process for a new superintendent.

The next School Committee meeting is on Monday, May 18th.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:44 p.m., Ms. Locurto moved and Ms. Zuliani seconded to adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to open session.

Carried 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena,
Recording Secretary