

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

The Sutton School Committee met in Room 1A of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, May 3, 2010.

**School Committee Members present** at the meeting were Ms. Liisa Locurto, Chairperson, Ms. Kristen Feifert Clark, Mr. Paul Brennan and Ms. Tracey Zuliani.

**Administrators present** at the meeting were Dr. Cecilia Di Bella, Superintendent, Ms. Susan Rothermich, Business Manager, and Mr. Ted Friend.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Ms. Locurto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Citizen Forum**

No one wished to speak.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda**

Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Brennan seconded to approve the Bill Schedule of May 3, 2010, as presented.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 4 – Student Update**

Neither student representatives were present to provide an update.

**Agenda Item 6 – Review Warrant Article Items**

The School Department has three Article Items that will be on the Warrant at next week's annual town meeting; the FY'10-11 Budget, the Capital Plan, and the School Building Project. Town Meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the high school gymnasium. Babysitting will be available.

**Agenda Item 5 – Update on FY'10 Budget**

All accounts do have a remaining balance with money available to cover current purchases, encumbrances and contractual obligations; there are no concerns at this time with any of the accounts.

**Agenda Item 7 – Approve New Rates for Substitute Teachers**

Ms. Zuliani moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the proposed new rates for substitute teachers, as presented.

Carried 4/0

### **Agenda Item 8 – Update on Building Committee**

The final public forum took place last week. There were some new faces and some new questions were raised; it was a good meeting. There is very little new information at this point. If support for this project passes by a 2/3 majority at the May 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting, there will be a ballot vote on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Update on School Committee Goals**

The School Committee reviewed the status of the six goals:

1. **Hire New Superintendent** – a new superintendent has been hired.
2. **Refine indicators of success developed by the District Learning Team** – the District Learning Team has not met yet this year. This will be part of Mr. Friend's new agenda going into the new school year.
3. **Signed contracts with the Sutton Teachers Association and Sutton Educational Support Association** – the Committee is currently working towards that goal.
4. **Town Meeting Approval of School Building** – this is underway, with the Town Meeting taking place this coming Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Complete Policy Manual** – this is very close to completion.
6. **Communications** – this has been ongoing throughout the year through various means (email, newsletters, AlertNow). There is room for additional improvement in this area.

### **Agenda Item 10 – Update on School Committee Subcommittees**

Ms. Locurto provided a status update on the ten 2009-2010 School Committee Subcommittees.

### **Agenda Item 13 – Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Di Bella offered the following:

- This is Teacher Appreciation week and events are occurring throughout the week to acknowledge our appreciation of all of their efforts all year.
- Survey Monkey questions will be available on the website soon, with an AlertNow email message of notification.
- The Simonian Center will have their 'Book It' ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair at the Elementary School this week.
- On Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band concert will take place in the Simonian Center.
- Congratulations to the 18 new inductees to the National Honor Society!

### **Agenda Item 14 – New Business, Agenda items, Action Items**

Updates to each school's Improvement Plan will be reviewed at the next two upcoming meetings; two at the meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> and two at the meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 7:47 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and not return to open session.

Carried 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena,  
Recording Secretary