

Sutton School Committee Minutes
August 16th, 2010

School Committee Members present: Liisa Locurto, Tracey Zuliani, Paul Brennan, Jesse Limanek

Also present: Ted Friend, Superintendent

Liisa called the Committee to order and entered into open session at 7:00 PM.

Agenda

1. Public Forum - No one was present to speak.
2. Consent Agenda
Having no questions, Paul made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2010 meeting. Jesse seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.
3. 2011 Graduation
Ted announced that due to building construction next spring, Graduation has been moved to Mechanics Hall in Worcester for the class of 2011.
4. Tech Director
Ted announced that the school and town have joined together to hire a new Tech Director. Dan Durgin from Leicester, Massachusetts was hired for the new position. He will start as soon as he is released from his current contract.
5. School Committee Meeting Schedule
Paul made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 School Committee Meeting Schedule as presented. Jesse seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.
6. School Committee Goals
Goal 1 – Ted stated that he will be pulling in volunteers from the community and within the district to start developing a strategic plan.

Goal 2 – Ted stated that he will be thoroughly examining the lunch program this year. Some of the easier changes, such as the vending machines, will be taken care of this year.

Goal 3 – The policy manual is complete and needs 3 readings to be ratified. The first reading was done by the policy sub-committee. There will be two more readings throughout the year.

Goal 4 – Negotiations will start in October.

Goal 5 – The School Committee decided to take another look at whether or not to communicate directly with our stakeholders on a regular basis. The discussion will continue at a later date.

Goal 6 – Ted stated that we will have monthly budget updates from the Administration. There was some discussion about forming a budget sub-committee, but nothing was decided at this meeting.

7. Sub-Committees

Tracey announced that she will be stepping down as of September 1st, 2010 due to a new job. It was decided to hold off on assigning sub-committees until the full School Committee is present.

8. Superintendent's Update

Ted stated that he had been meeting with stakeholders throughout town, learning why decisions were made. He hired a tech consultant over the summer and many improvements to the network were made. Ted also announced some structural changes within the district. He will be looking at the district as four separate buildings, with the building Principals taking on more responsibility. One of their new responsibilities will be to evaluate the special education staff within their buildings. The two facility managers were each assigned two buildings to supervise and will now be reporting directly the building Principals. Ted stated that the budget process will also change, being based on need, not allocation.

9. New Business

Having attended the last Building Committee Meeting, Ted updated the School Committee on their progress. As of this time, modular classrooms are slated to go up in April and be operational by June. Destruction of the Middle School will start in June, after school is out.

10. Adjournment

Paul made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations. Jesse seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Zuliani – agreed

Locurto – agreed

Brennan – agreed

Limanek – agreed

Committee adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Zuliani