

Sutton School Committee Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, August 30 2010.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Ms. Liisa Locurto, Chairperson, Ms. Kristen Feifert Clark, Secretary, Mr. Paul Brennan, and Mr. Jesse Limanek.

Administrators present at the meeting were Mr. Ted Friend, Superintendent, Mrs. Lauren Dubeau, Simonian Center Principal, Mrs. Margo Austein, Special Education Director, Mr. Michael Breault, Principal, Elementary School Principal, Mr. Gerard Goyette, Middle School Principal, and Ms. Lucille DiLeo, Principal, High School Principal.

Others present at the meeting were new staff members from each of the schools in the district.

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

Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Carried 3/1, with Ms. Feifert Clark
abstaining

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

Courtney Roberts, Student Representative, provided the following update:

- Freshman Orientation took place on Thursday, August 19th, and was run by the Student Council and Ms. DiLeo.
- School began on August 25th.
- Meet the Coaches Night took place on August 25th, with try-outs for sports occurring on August 26th.
- Block schedules will begin in the high school on Wednesday of this week.
- Class meetings will be taking place with the principal in the high school.
- The Sophomore Class ring meeting will be taking place soon.
- The Senior Class will be measured soon for caps and gowns for graduation.
- SATs are coming up.
- There will be a school-wide Open House on September 16th.

Agenda Item 5 – Principals Introduce New Staff Members

Each principal in turn introduced the new school staff members to the Committee as follows:

- Lauren Dubeau introduced Janielle O’Keefe, Sarah Dorfman, Heather DeJordy, Sandra Roy and Cheryl Faucher, as new members of the staff at the Simonian Center for Early Learning.
- Michael Breau introduced Courtney Norton and Lisa Dussault as new members of the staff at the Elementary School.
- Gerry Goyette introduced Brendan Mahan and Bill Nelson as new members of the staff at the Middle School.
- Lucille DiLeo introduced Jessica Ulmer and Laurie Hayes as new members of the staff at the High School.

Agenda Item 7 – Discuss Student Trip to Quebec

Mr. Delongchamp, French Teacher – Sutton High School, presented his proposal for this school year’s trip to Quebec City, January 20 – 23, 2011.

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the 2011 student trip to Quebec, as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 6 – Update on School Building Project

Ms. Wendy Mead, Chairperson, Sutton School Building Committee, and liaison to the School Committee, provided an update on the project. Numerous meetings took place over the summer and are continuing, including with the design team, the OPM, National Grid, and town and school administrators. Monthly reports are sent to the MSBA. The bidding process has begun. The project is coming together and is on target, in terms of the timeline. The district continues to search for ways to save money on the project. There have been some changes to the Building Committee, with Christine Watkins stepping down after six years, and Mark Bailey taking her place. Generally, the Committee meets monthly and information is available on the website at:

http://www.suttonma.org/Pages/SuttonMA_BComm/schoolbuild

In March and April, the athletic fields will be prepared for the modular units. There will be considerable construction activity, beginning in the spring. As much as possible will be done in a way to minimize the disruption to the students. It will likely take two full summers for building, and a third summer for preparation for occupancy. The final design will be unveiled to the community when it is available and before ground is broken on the project. The cost of furniture, fixtures and equipment is included in the total cost of the project.

Agenda Item 8 – Discuss Further 2010-2011 School Committee Goals

Under Goal 5, a fourth item will be added, to read “The committee will review if and how it communicates with the community”.

Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to adopt the School Committee goals, as amended above.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent’s Update

- The start of school went very well and it is great to have the students and their excitement back in the buildings.
- To improve supervision of the middle and high school students that remain at school after classes end, and to allow students access to the library and to the computers in the library, the library will

remain open from 2:00 until 3:30. There is also discussion with Dan Delongchamp, Athletic Director, to develop a program to allow for better supervision of the student athletes who remain at school between the end of classes and the beginning of athletic practice.

- The existing busing system is an area of concern; the fiscal reality of what the district can afford for buses (even given that families pay to use the bus), the time that it takes the buses to pick up the students and get to school, and safety – concerns about where the buses stop to pick up students, and the safety of the roads on which the students must walk some distance to get to the bus stop. This entire system will be reviewed extensively, and hopefully resolved, over the next several weeks.
- Budget review will become part of the regular meeting schedule.

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

- On September 7th, there will be a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the School Committee, at which, the BOS will appoint a new member to replace Tracey Zuliani, who is no longer on the Committee.
- The Policy Manual will be an Agenda Item at the next meeting School Committee meeting, on September 13.

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:14 p.m, Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adjourn to Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, and not return to open session.

Carried 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena,
Recording Secretary