

Sutton School Committee Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, September 27, 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. Lucille DiLeo, High School Principal, and Mr. Gerry Goyette, Middle School Principal.

Others present – no others were present at the meeting.

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 4/0

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

Frank Brogie and Courtney Roberts, this year's student representatives, provided the following update:

- Sutton High School recently hosted a College Fair, which was the biggest in recent years; there were both a large number of colleges present, as well as many attendees from area high schools.
- The grading period closed last Friday and Progress Reports will be sent home this Friday, October 1st.
- All of the fall athletics teams are doing very well so far this season, with very few losses across the board.
- Drama Club has begun weekly rehearsals for the winter performance of "The Taming of the Shrew", with Mr. Loss directing.
- Congratulations to Mr. Gillin, who is very active with the Track and Field Team, and has been inducted in the UMass Athletics Hall of Fame.
- Advertising space for this year's yearbook is now available for sale.
- The District Attorney's office gave a presentation to the high school on the new bullying law, which was open to the entire high school student body. It was well attended, by an attentive audience.
- Homecoming, which is in planning by the Student Council, is set for October 23rd.

Agenda Item 5 – Introduction of the Technology Director

Mr. Friend introduced the new Technology Director, Mr. Dan Durgin, who began last Monday, and will split his effort, approximately 80/20 percent between the Sutton School District, and the Town of Sutton.

Agenda Item 6 – Update from the High School and Middle School

Mrs. Lucille DiLeo and Mr. Gerry Goyette provided a recap of the activities to date, since the beginning of the school year, and a summary of the initiatives and events to come at the High School and the Middle School, respectively.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reorganization

With Tracey Zuliani, the Vice-Chair's resignation, there is an opening on the Committee. Mr. Nathan Jerome was appointed as a new member of the Committee at last week's joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Limanek moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to appoint Mr. Brennan as Vice-Chair of the Sutton School Committee, for the 2010-2011 school year.

Carried 3/1, with Mr. Brennan abstaining

Agenda Item 8 – Establish Subcommittees

The following Subcommittees were established, with the associated members:

- Negotiations – Mr. Limanek, Mr. Brennan
- District Learning Team – Mr. Brennan, Ms. Feifert Clark
- Policies – Ms. Locurto, Mr. Brennan
- Communications – Ms. Feifert Clark, Mr. Jerome
- Budget – Ms. Locurto, Mr. Limanek

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adopt the School Committee subcommittees, as established.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 9 – Adopt Sections A-F School Committee Policy

The changes discussed at the previous meeting have been incorporated into the manual.

Discussion ensued about the transportation policy (E.e.a.g.).

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adopt Sections A-F into the School Committee Policy Manual, as amended, in Section E.e.a.g.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 10 – Second Reading Sections G, H and I of Policy Manual

Led by Ms. Locurto and Mr. Brennan, who serve on the Policy subcommittee, the Committee conducted a second reading of Section G (Personnel) of the Policy Manual. Considerable discussion ensued at numerous subsections of G. Readings of Sections H and I were postponed until the next meeting. Section G will be revised according to the discussion, prior to the third reading of these sections at the next meeting, on October 4th.

Agenda Item 11 – Discuss Superintendent Evaluation Process

Mr. Friend stated that he is satisfied with the current evaluation process, which is fairly standard. He proposed a mid-cycle review in February, with a final, yearly review, in June.

Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent’s Update

- Sutton’s anti-bullying program is already in full compliance with the new law. It is a matter of putting together Sutton’s ‘Plan’ for complying with the directives from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- Mr. Friend met with a member of the Booster Club, and with the Town Manager, to discuss options for the school district sports teams, in light of the pending field shortages that will occur with the building project.
- The District Learning Team will have its first meeting on Wednesday, October 13th at 6 pm at the Middle School/High School library. The public is welcome.
- The next School Building Committee meeting is on Tuesday, September 28th. There have been several recent meetings with the OPM or designee to discuss the use of the courtyard and to discuss technology infrastructure, and security.
- MCAS results have been sent out to all parents.
- The district is looking to work with Police Officer Cowen to address issues of truancy in the town, because unfortunately, it does occur, to some extent.

Agenda Item 13 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items – none at this time.

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 9:18 p.m., Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations and not return to open session.

Carried 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena,
Recording Secretary