

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

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, October 4, 2010.

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

**Administrators present** at the meeting were Mr. Ted Friend, Superintendent, Ms. Susan Rothermich, Business Manager.

**Others present** – Ms. Wendy Mead, Chair School Building Committee.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Ms. Locurto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with introductions and welcome to Mr. Nate Jerome, the new School Committee member.

**Agenda Item 2 – Citizen Forum**

No one wished to speak.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda**

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2010 meeting, as presented.

Carried 3/0, Mr. Jerome abstained

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the Bill Schedule dated October 4, 2010.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 4 – Student Update**

Neither of the Student Representatives was present to provide an update.

**Agenda Item 5 – Building Committee Update**

Ms. Wendy Mead provided an update. The project is continuing on schedule, with possible modifications to the design currently under review. Phasing remains on target, with modular units due in late March 2011, which is the first step in the project. Demolition of the middle school will take place over the summer of 2011. The project is scheduled for completion in August 2014, with 2014-15 school year beginning in the new building. All information is available on the School Building Committee's webpage, including a 3-dimensional design schematic.

**Agenda Item 6 – Budget Update**

Ms. Rothermich reviewed the budget report, highlighting the encumbrances, and discussing the changes to the system which should ultimately make the budgeting process more transparent. The budget report will be broken out by school for the next update.

**Agenda Item 7 – Discuss and Sign Joint Facilities Agreement**

The Joint Facilities Agreement between the Town and School Committee is one of the required documents to obtain a “green” rating for the new Middle/High School building.

Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adopt the Joint Facilities Agreement document, as presented.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 8 – Third Reading of School Committee Policy G**

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

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adopt Policy Section G, with the amendments, as presented.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 9 – Second Reading of School Committee Policies H & I**

Led by Ms. Locurto and Mr. Brennan, who serve on the Policy subcommittee, the Committee conducted a second reading of Sections H (Negotiations) and I (Instruction) of the Policy Manual. Considerable discussion ensued regarding numerous subsections of I. Section I will be revised according to the discussion, prior to the third reading of these sections at the next meeting, on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update**

Mr. Friend is forming a committee to organize a major, community-wide literacy event for the 2011-12 school year. There will be a meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the middle/high school library. The event will involve the town library, the community, and parents. Planning will begin after Columbus Day weekend, and it will culminate in a major activity over Columbus Day weekend, in 2011. It will not supersede reading events already in place. The idea is to challenge the community to read 9,300,000 pages of text in one year. Then, over Columbus Day weekend, a group of people the community will hike the Mid-State Trail, which is 93 miles long. This will combine a physical challenge with a literacy challenge.

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

The solar panel installation on the roof of the Simonian Center is in progress and on schedule; it is a 3-month process.

MCAS reviews will be presented at the next two School Committee meetings. Materials will be provided in the packets of each meeting.

**Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 9:08 p.m., Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to collective bargaining and not to return to Open Session.

Mrs. Feifert-Clark – Yes

Mr. Jerome – Yes

Mr. Brennan – Yes

Mrs. Locurto - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena,  
Recording Secretary