

Sutton School Committee
Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

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

Administrators present at the meeting were Mr. Ted Friend, Superintendent.

Others present – Ms. Coleen Motyl-Szary and Ms. Nicole Haghdoost, World Language teachers.

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. Jerome seconded to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting, as presented.

Carried 3/0, Mr. Jerome abstained

Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the Bill Schedule dated October 19, 2010.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

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

Agenda Item 5 – Discuss 2012 Student Trip to Spain

Ms. Coleen Motyl-Szary and Ms. Nicole Haghdoost presented a proposal for a 12 or 17 day student trip to Spain in late June, 2012. The length of the trip will be determined by parental input at an upcoming meeting with the parents of interested students.

Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the student trip to Spain, as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 6 – Discuss Superintendent’s Goals

Mr. Friend presented his four primary goals for 2010-2011. Discussion ensued about formally including a written educational goal, as the education of all of the Sutton students underlies all of what Mr. Friend does.

In the absence of Mr. Brennan, the Committee will hold on approving the goals until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Third Reading and Adoption of School Committee Policies H and I

Mr. Friend highlighted the changes, primarily to Policy Section I, discussed at the last meeting. These changes have been incorporated into Policy I section in the manual.

Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to adopt Policy Section H as presented, and Policy Section I, with the exception of Policy Section IJND through Policy Section IJNDD, and the changes in Policy Section IKF, as discussed. These will be revised according to discussion, and will be presented at a later date.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 8 – First Reading of Bullying Policy JICFB

In Mr. Brennan’s absence, this item was tabled at this time. It will be on the Agenda at a future meeting, when Mr. Brennan, a member of the Policy subcommittee, is available.

Agenda Item 9 – Second Reading of School Committee Policies J, K and L

In Mr. Brennan’s absence, this item was tabled at this time. It will be on the Agenda at a future meeting, when Mr. Brennan, a member of the Policy subcommittee, is available.

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update

- The first Professional Development (PD) day occurred on October 8th. However, for the Early Learning Center (ELC) and the Elementary School (ES), this was a day for parent-teacher conferences, and not a PD day. Going forward, the schedule will be adjusted so that the ELC and the ES do not lose this PD day.
- The District Learning Team meetings are underway. The next meeting will focus on the District Mission Statement. The main focus over the next several months will be to develop a comprehensive five-year vision for the district, with the possibility of developing a ten-year strategic plan for achieving that vision. The next meeting is Thursday, November 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the secondary library.
- Kicks for Cancer, a charity soccer tournament event, will take place on October 30th.
- There will be a hot air balloon fundraiser at the school complex during Homecoming this weekend. Funds raised will help defray the tips and transportation costs for the student trip to Costa Rica in February 2011.
- In anticipation of negotiations, Mr. Friend is proposing a page-by-page review of the language of the teacher’s contract. Meeting dates will be forthcoming.
- With the building project, the plan was to convert the current Little League field into a softball field. However, it may be possible to leave the field as is for use in the spring, which would eliminate the cost of conversion. If the conversion must be done Mr. Friend will

propose that the work be completed by school district personnel, with district equipment, to reduce the cost.

- There is enough information now to anticipate very difficult financial times. The federal stimulus money will be going away, which will leave a shortfall of over \$300,000. The limited resources must be allocated in the best way possible. Meetings are underway with the teachers and administrators, especially in the middle school, to discuss potential changes. All are encouraged to bring ideas forward.

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

- Sutton’s annual ‘Chain of Lights’ event is quickly approaching on December 4th. More information will be available soon.
- Reminder that the Sutton Education Foundation Trust’s (SEFT) fundraiser will be held at the National Grill this Saturday, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available online.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:18 p.m., Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Carried 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena
Recording Secretary