

Sutton School Committee **Sutton, Massachusetts 01590**

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, November 1, 2010.

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

Administrators present at the meeting were Mr. Ted Friend, Superintendent, Ms. Lucille DiLeo, High School Principal, and Mr. Gerry Goyette, Middle School Principal, Ms. Susan Rothermich, Business Manager.

Others present – Mr. Frank Brogie, Student Representative, Mr. Dan Delongchamp, Athletic Director, and Ms. Julie Maloney, third grade teacher, and Sutton Teacher’s Association representative.

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. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark moved seconded to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting, as presented.

Carried 4/0, Mr. Brennan abstained

Mr. Limanek moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the Bill Schedule dated November 1, 2010.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

Mr. Frank Brogie, Student Representative, provided the following update:

- Through the guidance counselors, the seniors have written a single ‘tip’ about social interactions in high school, for the underclassmen. The guidance counselors then shared these tips with the underclassmen.
- Seniors took the SATs on October 9th.
- Sutton hosted the PSAT exam (taken by the juniors, and some sophomores taking higher level math classes.)
- An ice cream social for the sophomores and juniors was held to celebrate their excellent MCAS scores.
- The forensic science class was visited by a scientist from a forensic lab in Rhode Island, a police officer who spoke about what typically occurs at a crime scene and in a forensic lab.
- The environmental science class had guests who spoke about wastewater treatment and wetlands.

- A bullying prevention seminar took place for parents, hosted by the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC), and included cyberbullying as well.
- The seniors have begun fundraising for the trip to Florida; they are selling Hebert's candy bars, and pies.
- The Community Service Learning Committee hosted a Haunted House for Hunger – it was a very successful event, with many attendees, and all donations went to the Sutton food pantry.
- It is French week this week; the French students have put together a number of announcements to be made over the loudspeaker in French.
- Sutton athletics have had a great season; six teams are in district competitions. Volleyball and boys' soccer are undefeated.
- Sutton recently hosted a district cross country meet for boys and girls.
- Mr. Delongchamp has established a competition among all of the sports teams to see who can raise the most canned goods for the food pantry; the winners will be rewarded with a pizza party.
- The pep rally for Homecoming was an absolute success, with Chinese food, rather than a traditional BBQ. Games took place throughout the day, booths were set up for each class to sell wares to raise money for class events, and it was capped by a dance in the evening.
- A Shakespeare production was performed last week for the seniors, members of the drama club, chorus and those in Shakespeare Alive.
- A lobbyist spoke for about an hour to the seniors taking government about a career in government.

Agenda Item 5 – Update on Middle School and High School MCAS Results

Ms. Lucille DiLeo and Mr. Gerard Goyette provided MCAS data for the high school and the middle schools, respectively. Overall, the scores are very good, and the District has met its target at the high school level.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget Update

Ms. Sue Rothermich presented an update on the budget, within the confines of MUNIS which does not include grants or revolving appropriations; it is the local appropriation only. The report was sorted by school.

Agenda Item 7 – First Reading of Bullying Policy JICFB

Per the new state law that was recently passed, a bullying plan must be in place by December 2010. This new policy has been put forth by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC,) and has all of the components required by the new law.

Agenda Item 8 – Second Reading of School Committee Policy J

Led by Ms. Locurto and Mr. Brennan, who serve on the Policy Subcommittee, the Committee conducted a second reading of Section J (Students) of the Policy Manual. Considerable discussion ensued regarding subsection JFBB. Subsection JFBB will be revised according to the discussion, to include the following language: “under the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Committee will authorize the number of school choice spaces in each grade by May 1st of each year”. The Committee will continue with the rest of Section J at the next meeting, on November 15th.

Agenda Item 9 – Discuss and Approve Superintendent's Goals

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the Superintendent's Goals, as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update

Mr. Friend provided the following:

- Clarification on the question about the MPC charge on the bill schedule from a previous meeting.
- The first negotiation session with the STA took place today, and the next three sessions have been scheduled.
- Homecoming was great, with a very large crowd, and the teams did great. The Sutton Education Foundation Trust (SEFT) also held a great event later that night.
- The MASC-MASS Joint Conference will be held November 3-6 in Hyannis; Mr. Limanek will attend.
- Marks closed last Friday for the middle/high school; report cards will be sent home this Friday.
- Reminder that next year’s calendar must be completed by December; it will be on the agenda at the next meeting.
- The next Building Committee meeting is on Wednesday, November 3. Jon Winikur, our OPM, conducted a walk-through with a representative from the moving company to assess how all of the materials will be moved to the modular units.

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

Mr. Brennan read a letter to the Sutton Teachers’ Association, which related to the Memorandum of Understanding. For context, when the contract was reached with the STA, they agreed to reopen negotiations if the federal stimulus money came through, which it has. Therefore, the contract was reopened, an agreement was reached with the Union, and there is a new Memorandum of Understanding of how the federal stimulus money will be utilized.

Dan Delongchamp presented a proposal for the Girls’ Varsity Basketball team to travel to Bristol, CT to participate in a scrimmage tournament in the beginning of December.

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the Girls Varsity Basketball trip to Bristol, CT, as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:50 p.m., Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion strategy with respect to negotiations and not to return to Open Session.

Mrs. Feifert-Clark – Yes
Mr. Jerome – Yes
Mr. Brennan – Yes
Mrs. Locurto – Yes
Mr. Brennan - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena
Recording Secretary