

Sutton School Committee Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, January 3, 2011.

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, and Ms. Susan Rothermich, Business Manager.

Others present – Mr. Mark Smith, High School Band Director, Ms. Courtney Roberts, Student 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. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Carried 4/0, Mr. Brennan abstained

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

Ms. Courtney Roberts, Student Representative, provided the following update:

- Prior to the holiday break, there was a Band Concert, directed by Mr. Smith, put on for all high school staff and students, and a hypnotist show, presented by Mrs. Haghdoust's Behavioral Class; students that attended could volunteer to be hypnotized. The Student Council hosted a Winter Variety Show, with many acts performing.
- Upcoming on January 13th is the Eighth Grade Orientation.
- The second quarter closes on January 14th.

Agenda Item 5 – Discuss Band Trip to Williamsburg, VA

Mr. Mark Smith presented the general itinerary for the band trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the band trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 6 – Review Preliminary FY’12 Budget

Mr. Friend and Ms. Rothermich presented a preliminary overview of the FY’12 budget. The District is looking at a potential budget shortfall of \$465,000, with the combined loss of federal stimulus grant monies, and anticipated increases in a level-funded district budget. If State Chapter 70 funds are cut, it could be a larger gap. Contract negotiations, which are currently in progress, will also have an impact on the budget.

Agenda Item 7 – Third Reading and Adoption of Policies JA through JFBB

Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adopt JA-JFABD to the School Committee policy, as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 8 – Discuss 2011-2012 School Calendar

Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar as amended.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent’s Update

Mr. Friend provided the following:

- The District Learning Team and the Literacy Challenge Committee will be meeting Wednesday, January 26th. These are public meetings and all are welcome to attend. There are some good ideas evolving for the Literacy Challenge, which will promote both literacy and fitness, and will combine those efforts, and involve the community. The District Learning Team is working on developing their mission statement.
- Later this month, there will be a meeting with the administrators to review the administrators’ goals. It will also be time to review Mr. Friend’s goals with the School Committee, at a meeting to be scheduled.
- Two sixth grade students, Rachel Healy and Ashley McQueen, deserve recognition and congratulations for their fundraising efforts, in which they raised \$160 for the Free Wheelchair Mission.
- Mr. Durgin, the Technology Director, will be present at the School Committee meeting in early February to discuss the technology policies.
- The Anti-Bullying Policy was submitted to the State by the deadline.

Agenda Item 10 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items – nothing at this time.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8: 08 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark 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
Mr. Brennan - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena
Recording Secretary