

Sutton School Committee **Sutton, Massachusetts 01590**

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, March 7, 2011.

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

Administrators present at the meeting were Mr. Ted Friend, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Breault, Elementary School Principal.

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 seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with the updated Bill Schedule, distributed at the start of the meeting.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

Frank Brogie, Student Representative, provided the following update:

- The Drama Club presented a very successful production of the play, “The Taming of the Shrew”.
- The students on the Costa Rica trip returned last week, having had a great experience.
- Last weekend’s CSL Yard Sale raised over \$1,300 for the Sutton Food Bank.
- Progress Reports will be distributed at the end of this week, on March 11.
- Members of the School Student Council will be attending the Massachusetts Association of Student Council’s Spring Leadership Conference in Hyannis this Wednesday-Friday.
- The Sophomore Class Ring Breakfast will take place this Friday morning in the cafeteria, for those sophomores who are receiving class rings.
- Meet the Coach Night for the athletes and their parents who are involved with spring sports.
- The Boys Varsity Basketball season ended last Friday with a loss at Quabog. Many thanks to the cheerleaders and the pep band for all of their spirited support throughout the season.
- The Cheerleaders placed third in the Dual-Valley Conference competition.
- The Girls Basketball team will be competing in the district semi-finals on Thursday at Clark University, and their final game at Fitchburg State University.
- The Seniors have only nine weeks remaining until the end of school; plans are in progress for graduation, which will take place at Mechanics Hall.
- The prom will take place on May 13th at Mechanics Hall.

Agenda Item 5 – Update on Building Project

Mr. Friend noted that the bids have gone out for the modular classrooms. The next Building Committee meeting has been postponed until March 23rd, after which there will be more updates.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget Update

No concerns or unanticipated expenses at this time. It is expected that the fiscal year will close within the budget allowance.

Agenda Item 7 – Update on SCEL and Elementary School

Mr. Breault provided an update on recent and upcoming events in both the Simonian Center for Early Learning and the Elementary School.

Agenda Item 8 – Discuss Bus Fees

Mr. Friend proposed a change in the current bus fee structure to eliminate all fees for students in kindergarten through grades 6, and to charge all students in grades 7 through 12 \$180, with a family cap of \$360.

Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to set the bus fee for students in grades 7 through 12 at \$180 per student, with a family cap of \$360, as proposed.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 9 – Third Reading and Adoption of Policy Section J with the exception of JLCA and JLCB

Mr. Brennan moved to adopt all of Section J, with the exception of JLCA and JLCB as School Committee Policy, with the discussed changes.

Agenda Item 10 – Second Reading of JLCA and JLCB

The Committee had no further comments on either JLCA or JLCB and thus opted to vote on the approval of these along with the rest of Section J.

Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adopt all of Section J, including JLCA and JLCB, as School Committee Policy, with the discussed changes.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 11 – Second Reading of Policies K and L

No additional comments at this time.

Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent’s Update

- A parent of a middle school student, Gary Verrill, has very generously offered to donate two defibrillators to the school district; a portable unit, and a permanent, wall-mounted unit.
- On the evening of Monday, March 14, there will be ‘Meet the Coach’ night for those involved with spring sports.
- The Middle School will be presenting the play ‘North Woods Nonsense’ on March 11th and 12th at 6pm, and March 13th at 2pm.

- Congratulations to the Community Service Learning group on their successful yard sale last weekend, which raised \$1,362.10 for the Sutton Food Pantry.
- There is an opening in the district for a newly created position for an individual who is both licensed to drive a school bus, and who can perform dispatch duties. This position will be for six hours/day, for 180 days, and will be paid through the Special Education revolving account.
- There is a proposal for ‘Saturday detention school’ for two hours every other Saturday as an option for students who would be otherwise suspended for minor infractions.

Agenda Item 13 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

Nothing at this time.

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:06 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. Limanek – Yes

Mrs. Locurto – Yes

Mr. Brennan – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena
Recording Secretary