

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

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, May 2, 2011.

**School Committee Members present** at the meeting were Ms. Liisa Locurto, Chairperson, Mr. Paul Brennan, Mr. Nathan Jerome, and Ms. Kristen Feifert Clark (at 7:18 p.m.).

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

**Others present** at the meeting were Mr. Michael Whittier, President of the Sutton Teachers' Association.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Ms. Locurto called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Citizen Forum**

No one wished to speak. Ms. Locurto read a letter of resignation from the School Committee from Mr. Jesse Limanek, thanking him for his time and wishing him well in his endeavors.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda**

Mr. Paul Brennan moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Carried 3/0

**Agenda Item 4 – Student Update**

Frank Brogie and Courtney Roberts, the outgoing Student Representatives, provided an update on the recent and upcoming school events, as the school year nears a close, and introduced Mr. Zachary Brogie and Ms. Samantha Creamer, next years' Student Representatives.

**Agenda Item 5 – Budget Update**

Ms. Rothermich provided an update on the status of the current budget and addressed a prior request for information about the existing vehicle inventory, and the replacement plan for that inventory.

**Agenda Item 6 – Update on Building Project**

Mr. Friend noted that ground has been broken on this project! The baseball fields are under excavation in preparation for the modular units, and are now out of commission for the next four years. Modular units will begin to arrive in early June. Subcontractor bids for the next phase of the project are due in two weeks.

**Agenda Item 7 – Discussion of 2012 Graduation Date**

Mrs. DiLeo is requesting to hold graduation on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at Mechanic's Hall, in Worcester, MA.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Third Reading and Adoption of Animal Policy**

Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adopt into Sutton School Policy File IMG Animal Policy.

Carried 4/0

### **Agenda Item 9 – Presentation of Superintendent’s Mission/Vision/Instructional Leadership Plan**

With additional detail, Mr. Friend reiterated his Mission, Vision, and Instructional Leadership Plan for Sutton Public Schools.

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

- Mr. Friend sought to make the community aware of the enormous effort and resources that are drawn away from the regular day-to-day education through compliance with the accrediting standards, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and Public School Coordinated Program Review System. While extremely important, preparing for the required audits takes precious resources away from the daily requirements for education, and there are not sufficient resources dedicated to meeting the time-consuming requirements of these audits.
- The Spring concert season is underway – parents are invited to visit the school website to see the schedule of the many upcoming student concerts.
- At 9:30 a.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Simonian Center roof-top solar panels in the Simonian Center Auditorium.
- Several teachers have committed an enormous amount of time outside of their contracts, to participate in the interview process for the open positions, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.
- The online payment system is complete and will be incorporated into the District website. Parents can now pay for all activities through the online system; bus payments, athletic fees, before/after care, school lunches, etc.
- Bus payments for next year are now overdue and parents should either make their payments, or contact the school to make arrangements for busing for next year.

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

- Recycle Day at the school was last Saturday – thanks to all of those who volunteered for this event.
- A draft of this year’s Parent Survey will be developed.
- An additional member of the School Committee, Mr. Jerome, will be added to the Negotiations subcommittee.

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

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion contract negotiations, and not return to Open Session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena,  
Recording Secretary