

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

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, June 6, 2011.

**School Committee Members present** at the meeting were Ms. Liisa Locurto, Mr. Paul Brennan, Mr. Nathan Jerome, and Ms. Feifert Clark (at 7:08 p.m.).

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

**Others present** at the meeting were Ms. Wendy Mead, Chair, School Building Committee.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Friend called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Election of Committee Officers**

Mr. Friend oversaw the initial reorganization of the Committee as follows:

- Mr. Jerome nominated and Ms. Locurto seconded to appoint Mr. Paul Brennan as Chairperson.

Carried 2/0/1, with Mr. Brennan abstaining

Mr. Friend then turned the meeting over to Mr. Brennan.

- Ms. Locurto nominated and Mr. Brennan seconded to appoint Mr. Jerome as Vice Chair.

Carried 2/0/1, with Mr. Jerome abstaining

The Committee tabled the nomination of Secretary until the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Citizen Forum**

No one wished to speak.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda**

With no Bill Schedule this week, Ms. Locurto moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Carried 3/0

### **Agenda Item 5 – Student Update**

Zachary Brogie and Samantha Creamer provided an update on the recent and upcoming events in the High School.

**Agenda Item 6 – Budget Update**

Ms. Rothermich provided a budget update on the budget for the current year.

**Agenda Item 7 – Update on Building Project**

Ms. Wendy Mead, Chair of the School Building Committee, provided an update on the building project. The modular units are due for delivery in about a week and will be certified for occupancy by the middle school students at the beginning of the new school year in August. Appointment of a General Contractor to the project is in the final phase. The project is currently on the timeline and under budget.

**Agenda Item 8 – Ratification of 2011-2014 Teacher’s Contract**

Ms. Locurto moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to ratify the 2011-2014 Contract with the Sutton Teachers’ Association, as presented.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 9 – Review of Middle and High School Improvement Plans and Handbooks**

Mr. Goyette and Ms. DiLeo highlighted the changes to the Middle School and High School Improvement Plans, respectively.

Ms. Locurto moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the Handbook changes with the one change to take out ‘prohibited’ from the mention of CD player and MP3 player, as discussed.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 10 – Signing of Middle School Sports Waiver**

This is the annual waiver to allow Middle School students to participate in sports. Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Locurto seconded to approve the signing of the Application for Waiver of Athletic Eligibility Rule 53.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 11 – Adopt Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy/Plan**

Ms. Locurto moved and Mr. Nathan seconded to approve the Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy/Plan, as presented.

Carried 4/0

**Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent’s Update**

- The graduation ceremony was amazing, a testament to the terrific kids in the Sutton district.
- The eighth grade class was in Agawam on their field trip as the tornados came through the Springfield area. In hindsight, if such an event occurs again, the Superintendent would use the AlertNow system to keep parents informed throughout the event.
- MCAS is done for the year; the Curriculum Review Committee will look at data points and assessments for this and other tests.

- Field trips warrant review; they should be tied to an academic purpose and be both socially and academically rewarding.
- The ground-breaking ceremony for the school building project will take place on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- The School Committee Retreat will take place all day on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Through a grant, the District has purchased iPads for all administrators. In conjunction, Mr. Durgin, the Technology Director, has made arrangements for a wireless network in the schools for the summer to try out the iPads to see how they could be utilized in the curriculum.
- The historical problems with the phone system in the Sutton schools will be fixed, ideally through the initial phase of the building project or, through a move to Charter, as a carrier, which will also result in a decrease in monthly bill.
- Under the leadership of Mr. Durgan, other technology changes and upgrades are taking place as well. All technology hardware will be upgraded for every employee over the summer. By the end of the summer, all of the main components will be in place for whatever platform the District opts to lay over it (thin technology, tablets, etc.).
- In the short term, there is an opening for a one-year, half-time Dean for Students, to focus mainly on special needs students, but who will also handle discipline issues, and day-to-day student management issues around the school. Looking to the long-term, the District must work to find a way to budget for a full-fledged assistant principal.

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

- The Selectmen’s meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at which the Selectmen will appoint a new member to the School Committee.

**Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 9:01 p.m. Ms. Lisa Locurto moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Carried 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena  
Recording Secretary