

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 20, 2011.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Mr. Paul Brennan, Mr. Nathan Jerome, Mr. Jesse Limanek, Ms. Liisa Locurto, and Ms. Feifert Clark (at 7:05 p.m.).

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

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Brennan 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

Ms. Locurto moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Carried 3/0/1, Mr. Limanek abstained

Agenda Item 4 – Award Bids

Ms. Rothermich provided an update on three bids for the upcoming year; the vendor awards for the cafeteria, school supplies, and computer supplies, through the French River Collaborative; the bid from MPC in response to an RFP, to service HVAC, boilers, refrigeration, and temperature controls; and a collaborative bid to purchase a 71-passenger school bus.

Ms. Locuro moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to award the bids for Sutton Public Schools, as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 5 – Evaluation of the Superintendent

The Committee presented their evaluation of Mr. Friend's first year as Superintendent, with an overall 'consistently exceeds expectations' review. Mr. Friend summarized his goals and accomplishments during the past year.

Mr. Jerome moved and Mr. Feifert Clark seconded to accept the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 6 – Discuss School Committee Retreat

The Committee discussed the agenda items for the Summer Retreat on August 1, 2011.

Agenda Item 7 – Superintendent’s Update

- There was a recent resignation of a part-time science teacher in the high school, which will result in the elimination of AP Biology for the upcoming school year. The district has been in contact with the eight students affected, and their schedules have been adjusted to accommodate this change.
- The FY2012 budget is balanced.
- The resignation of the science teacher frees approximately \$26,000. Mr. Friend proposes offering Mr. Bailey, who just retired, one art class section in the upcoming year, which will allow Mr. Bailey to mentor the incoming art teacher through the first year. By adding a section of art, class sizes are reduced, and eight students who were not able to take art will now be able to do so. Mr. Bailey will teach Art 4, which will provide continuity to the students who have had Mr. Bailey for Art 1-3.
- The end of the school year was filled with amazing events; the graduation, the 5th grade step-up day, the 8th grade promotion day, the 5th grade science fair, and the retirement party for Mark Bailey and Mary Kate Doherty.

Agenda Item 8 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

- Communication must be about the District’s policy with respect to students driving other students to events; this will be an item on the next Agenda.
- Mr. Jerome nominates, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to appoint Mr. Jesse Limanek, who was recently re-appointed by the Board of Selectmen to the School Committee, as Secretary.

Carried 4/0/1, with Mr. Limanek abstaining

- There will be a press conference about the solar panels with a member of the Governor’s office at 10:30 a.m. on June 21st, at the Simonian Center.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment to Executive Session

Agenda Item 10 – Return to Open Session

The Committee opted to remain in Open Session at this time.

Ms. Locurto moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve both Memoranda of Understanding between the Sutton School Committee and the Sutton Education Support Association, as presented.

Carried 5/0

Ms. Locurto moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve three Memoranda of Agreement between the Sutton School Committee and the Sutton Teachers Association, as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:38 p.m., Mr. Nathan moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adjourn to Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, and not return to Open Session.

Ms. Locurto – Yes

Mr. Jerome – Yes

Mr. Brennan – Yes

Ms. Feifert Clark – Yes

Mr. Limanek – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol S. Colena
Recording Secretary