

Sutton School Committee
Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in Room 1A of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, November 7, 2011.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Mr. Paul Brennan, Chair; Mr. Nate Jerome, Vice Chair; Mr. Jesse Limanek, Esq.; and Ms. Kristen Feifert Clark.

School Committee Member absent: Ms. Liisa Locurto.

Administrators present at the meeting were Mr. Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Mrs. Lauren Dubeau, Principal; Mr. Michael Breault, Principal; Mrs. Susan Rothermich, Business Manager; Mr. Dan Durgin, Technology Director and Mr. Daniel Delongchamp, Dean of Students/Athletic Director.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Citizen Forum

No one present wished to speak.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

Members present reviewed the consent agenda but held a vote due to not having a quorum since Mr. Jerome must abstain.

Mr. Brennan arrived at 7:05 p.m. and took over the meeting.

Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting.

Carried 3/0
Mr. Jerome Abstained

Mr. Friend reviewed a question on an MPC bill from the last meeting and Ms. Feifert Clark and Mr. Jerome had questions regarding bills from White Water and Global Montello. Mr. Friend and Mrs. Rothermich answered those questions.

Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 4 – Athletic Update

Mr. Delongchamp provided the following update.

Twenty-one students are participating in the cooperative football team with Oxford this year. With the exception of one of our teams all other fall teams have winning records. Boys' and girls' soccer and girls' volleyball teams are all currently in District playoffs.

Field hockey had a great season and the golf team ended the season in 5th place out of 13 teams. Mr. Delongchamp thanked Blackstone National Golf Course for their donation of playing time for our students.

Because of the construction project many games have had to be relocated and thanks go to Mr. Bowden, Douglas Public Schools, and Sutton Youth Soccer for providing alternate fields for practices and games. As the construction continues Mr. Delongchamp reported that he will work with the Technology Department to create groups so that AlertNow messages can be sent to families regarding changes in a timely fashion.

The Elssesar family has led the drive to have all Sutton athletes trained in CPR. CPR training as well as concussion awareness is being scheduled for early winter.

Mr. Friend reported that our Concussion Awareness Policy is being drafted by Ann Zimage, School Nurse and he will bring the policy forward at the December meeting.

Some of our athletes will attend the Sportsmanship Summit sponsored by MIAA and MSSADA on Friday, November 18, 2011 at Gillette Stadium.

The winter season begins on November 28, 2011 with November 22 as the winter season Meet the Coach Night.

December 1st is the Fall Sports Banquet at 5:30 p.m. The Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach is proposing a trip for the team to Bristol, CT to participate in an Invitational Scrimmage in preparation for this season. The trip will cost \$100 per person and take place December 2-4, 2011. The Committee will be asked to vote on the trip at their next meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – MCAS Update from Simonian Center and Elementary School

Mrs. Dubeau and Mr. Breault presented an update of MCAS scores from last spring.

Committee members thanked Mrs. Dubeau and Mr. Breault for their continued evaluation process and asked that the next report include a three-year trend of scores for comparison.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget Update

Mrs. Rothermich reviewed the budget report that she provided for this meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held in regard to the need to add the cost of utilities for the modular classrooms to the current School Committee budget after being told that those costs were part of the building project.

Agenda Item 7 – Approve Expenditure from School Choice for Telephones

After an overview of the proposed project by Mr. Durgin, Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the expenditure of \$35,818.80 from the School Choice account for telephones.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 8 – Final Reading and Adoption of Social Networking Policy

Mr. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adopt the Social Networking Policy as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 9 – Second Reading of the Pregnancy Policy

A second reading of the proposed Pregnancy Policy was held.

Agenda Item 10 – Discuss the Philosophy of the Senior Class Trip

A discussion was started in regard to the cost, length and difficulty obtaining chaperones for the senior class trip. The discussion and will be continued at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Building Project Update

Mr. Friend reported that we are going strong with tearing down middle school; awaiting a decision regarding kitchen/cafeteria work; currently connecting the abandoned well to the water treatment plant, and that we have missed the growing season because of the recent inclement weather so the fields will be on hold until the spring.

Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent's Update

Mr. Friend reported that because of the October snow storm and having cancelled school for three days because of wires and trees down, the last day of school is scheduled for June 20, 2012.

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

Mr. Limanek started a discussion regarding developing a contingency plan in case we had the number of snow days that we had last winter. Mr. Friend explained that since families have probably already made vacation plans for April, consideration should be given to first using professional development days as half days for student attendance in the morning and professional development in the afternoon and suggested that the Committee hold off on developing a plan.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blair
Recording Secretary