

Sutton School Committee
Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in Room 1A of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, November 21, 2011.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Mr. Nate Jerome, Vice Chair; Mrs. Liisa Locurto; and Ms. Kristen Feifert Clark.

Member absent: Mr. Jesse Limanek, Esq.

Administrators present at the meeting were Mr. Theodore Friend, Superintendent and Ms. Lucille DiLeo.

Students present: Zachary Brogie and Samantha Creamer

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

Mrs. Locurto moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the bill schedule as presented.

Carried 3/0

Members present reviewed the minutes but held a vote due to not having a quorum since Mrs. Locurto must abstain.

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

Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting.

Carried 3/0

Mrs. Locurto Abstained

Ms. Feifert Clark asked questions regarding two bills and Mr. Friend said he would give a review of those at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Student Update

Zachary Brogie and Samantha Creamer reported on:

- Fall sports – all teams had a successful season, including the boys’ soccer team who won the state championship
- Several students attended the Sport Summit held at Patriot Stadium
- Thanksgiving football game will be against Auburn
- Friday, November 18 the John and Abigail Adams scholars breakfast was held
- A candlelight vigil was held Wednesday, November 16 in memory of Mike Ellsessar
- Students travelled to Boston last week in support of Bill 218 An Act relative to medical emergency response plans for schools
- The Chain of Lights is scheduled for December 3 and volunteers are needed

Agenda Item 5 – Approve Art Trip

Mr. Bailey presented an overview of the proposed art trip scheduled for April 2012.

Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the art trip as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 6 – Approve Girls’ Basketball Trip

Mrs. Locurto moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the girls’ basketball trip as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 7 – Update on Middle School and High School MCAS Results

Mr. Goyette was not present and will provide an update at a future meeting.

Mrs. DiLeo provided a report of high school MCAS results from the spring. Twenty-seven students received John and Abigail Adams scholarships as a result of their MCAS scores. She further provided the review of the 2011-2012 School Profile which is provided on the guidance page of the school Web site.

Agenda Item 8 – Discuss Communication Goal

Mr. Brennan led a discussion on the School Committee Communication Goal in regard to when and how to communicate better with other town boards and committees. Further discussion in this regard will be held.

Agenda Item 9 – Adopt Pregnancy Policy

Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to adopt the Pregnant Student Policy as presented.

Carried 4/0

Agenda Item 10 – Building Project Update

Mr. Friend reported that:

- The middle school building is now demolished.
- New carpeting has been installed in the modular building.
- After determining that it was feasible for growing, we have installed the turf on the baseball field. The turf was donated by Jeff Paulhus.

Agenda Item 11 – Discuss MASS/MASC Conference

A discussion was held in regard to the conference including:

- Speaker Tony Wagner
- Budget Summaries – Mr. Jerome will get the slides from this presentation to share
- School Board Achievement – Mr. Brennan will share slides from this presentation

Other topics of discussion were:

- How do School Committee decisions impact student achievement?
- How are we going to use technology responsibly going forward?

Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent’s Update

Mr. Friend’s extended his congratulations to the boys’ soccer team who are State Champions this year; to girls’ cross country for their high placement in the State Championships; to Jess Cardin who ranked 12th in the state; and to all the teams for an excellent fall season.

Mr. Friend further reports that the administration has begun to draft the 2013 school budget which he anticipates will be another difficult budget year if there is no increase in Chapter 70 funding. Last year six teachers were cut along with several other cuts to cover the \$250,000. shortfall from federal stimulus money.

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

Mr. Brennan extended the Committee’s congratulations to the Adams Scholars and also the boys’ soccer team

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:12 p.m. Mr. Jerome moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the SESA contract and not return to open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blair
Recording Secretary