

Sutton School Committee
Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Board Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, August 26, 2013.

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

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

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Jerome called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3 – Citizen Forum

No one present wished to speak.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

Mr. Brennan moved and Mrs. Locurto seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 5 – Discuss District Priorities

This item was passed over due to the length of the agenda.

Agenda Item 6 – FY'14 Budget Update and Changes

Mr. Friend explained that the 2014 budget has been increased by \$92,428 due to special education changes, adding .2 FTE to music, and extra seats needed for VHS in the high school.

Mrs. Locurto moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to cover the \$92,428 increase out of the School Choice account.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 7 – Final Budget Transfers

Mrs. Rothermich gave a detailed explanation of the budget transfers and that they only represent that portion of the budget that is out of the general fund and does not include grants or revolving accounts.

Agenda Item 8 – Discuss Surplus Equipment

Mrs. Locurto moved and Mr. Brennan seconded to declare items presented as surplus equipment.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 10 – First Reading of ELL Policy Revision

The first reading was held followed by discussion of the English Language Learner (ELL) policy revision. Mr. Friend explained that the revision was made to bring our program into compliance with Massachusetts General Laws regarding English language learners.

Agenda Item 11 – Review Quarterly Report of SWCEC

Mr. Friend presented the Quarterly Report of SWCEC.

Agenda Item 12 – Election of the Superintendent to the SWCEC Board of Directors

Mrs. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Brennan seconded to elect Mr. Ted Friend to the SWCEC Board of Directors.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 9 – Discuss School Calendar

Mr. Brennan moved and Mrs. Locurto seconded to adopt the revised 2013-2014 school calendar as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 13 – Superintendent’s Update

Mr. Friend thanked the principals for their work to provide valuable professional development for teachers the first week of their return; mentioned that a portion of the first PD day will be used to train the staff in the latest best practice for lockdown procedures; that a company had been hired to conduct a thorough physical security/vulnerability assessment of our school district and that they will attend the public forum that will be held at the end of September.

Mr. Friend gave detailed information on the opening of school for the year due to the new building not being ready for occupancy:

- Students in grades K-8 will start school on September 3rd
- All high school students will begin on September 9th
- Grades 9 and 10 will attend classes in the elementary school, the Simonian Center, and the modular classrooms
- Students in grades 11 and 12 will attend classes at the Life Song Church off Hough Road
- A meeting for high school parents will be held on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Simonian Center

Agenda Item 14 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

Mr. Limanek mentioned that parents should keep their children indoors after dark because mosquitoes in Millbury had been found carrying the West Nile virus.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m. Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to adjourn to Executive Session and not reconvene in Open Session.

Ms. Feifert Clark, Yes

Mr. Limanek, Yes

Mrs. Locurto, Yes

Mr. Brennan, Yes

Mr. Jerome, Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blair
Recording Secretary