

Sutton School Committee **Sutton, Massachusetts 01590**

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Board Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, October 7, 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; Mrs. Susan Rothermich, Business Manager; Mrs. Denise Harrison, Elementary Principal; Mr. Gerard Goyette, Middle School Principal; Mr. Ted McCarthy, High School Principal; as well as Coleen Motyl-Szary, Nicole Haghdoust, and Christina Tuomala, High School Teachers.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3 – Citizen Forum

A parent, Tracey Zuliani, addressed the Committee regarding her concern of our MCAS scores.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

Mrs. Rothermich explained the new bill schedule format. She mentioned that she has requested a way to produce a less cumbersome report from MUNIS to provide to the Committee.

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

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 5 – Presentation to Lifesong Church

Mr. Jerome thanked Rev. David Payne, Pastor of Lifesong Church, for the use of their facility for the first two weeks of our school year and presented a plaque which said: “In Grateful Appreciation for Exemplary Community Service Providing Support and Facilities Use During the Sutton School Building Project”.

The high school students also presented a photo journal of their time at Lifesong Church. Sierra St. Pierre made the presentation.

Agenda Item 6 – Presentation of Eagle Scout Project

Eric Carkin, grade 11 student, gave a PowerPoint presentation of his Eagle Scout project. Eric facilitated the removal of two trees whose roots were a tripping hazard to students playing in the area and reconstruction of a patio area as well as two garden beds and pavement in the play area.

Agenda Item 7 – Discuss Student Trips

Mrs. Locurto moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve the student trip to Spain for April 2014 as presented.

Carried 5/0

Mr. Limanek moved and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded to approve to girls' basketball team trip to Connecticut December 6-8, 2013 using the school mini bus for their travel.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 8 MCAS Presentations

Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Goyette, and Mr. McCarthy each presented their MCAS results. A discussion ensued in regard to the next agenda item, class size. A lengthy discussion followed on the limitations of the School Committee budget, staff cuts over the past several years and the resulting larger class sizes.

Agenda Item 9 – Discuss District Priorities

Agenda Item 10 – Budget Update

Mrs. Rothermich reviewed the current budget status indicating the need for a Committee vote to make a specific transfer in the middle school accounts.

Mr. Brennan moved and Mrs. Locurto seconded to transfer \$1,889.77 from classroom supplies to the textbook account.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 11 – Update of Building Delay Costs

Mrs. Rothermich reviewed the total cost to date of the expenses incurred because of the building delay. Mrs. Rothermich also indicated that there are still amounts that have not been provided.

Agenda Item 12 – Second Reading of the Updated Bullying Policy

A second reading of the revised Bullying Policy was held. A question was raised in regard to the agreement that was made with MASC in regard to policy updates.

Agenda Item 13 – Building Update

Mr. Friend reported that progress on the punch list of incomplete work in the new building is progressing very slowly. Very few workers are still working on this project.

Agenda Item 14 – Discuss Superintendent's Goals

Mr. Friend reviewed his draft goals for the Committee and it was decided that a sub-committee would meet to discuss the new evaluation system and the rubrics in regard to drafting the goals.

Agenda Item 15 – Superintendent’s Update

Mr. Friend reported that a new Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent had been hired. Her name is Dianne Guillen and she will be starting in Sutton on October 21, 2013.

Agenda Item 16 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

Mr. Brennan suggested that the elementary school solar panels need further discussion and requested that this item be placed on the next agenda.

Agenda Item 17 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 10:00 p.m. Ms. Feifert Clark moved and Mr. Limanek seconded to adjourn.

Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blair
Recording Secretary