



# Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

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The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Board Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Nathan Jerome, Chair; Jesse Limanek, Esquire, Vice Chair; Kristen Feifert Clark, Secretary; and Paul Brennan.

Administrators present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Margo Austein, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Special Projects; Susan Rothermich, Business Manager; Gerard Goyette, Middle School Principal; and Michelle Babin, Director of Food Services.

## 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

No one present wished to speak.

## Agenda Item 4 - Consent Agenda

Mr. Limanek moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve consent agenda as presented.

Carried 3/0

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## Agenda Item 5 – Student Update

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Student Update will be moved to the next School Committee meeting.

## Agenda Item 6 – Purchase of Eighth Grade Math Textbooks

Mr. Goyette presented his proposal for the purchase of new eighth grade math textbooks. He explained that new textbooks were needed because The Connected Math Program (purchased in 2006) no longer meets the needs of our students. The standards have changed due to the implementation of the Common Core. The Math Department reviewed six different eighth grade textbooks and decided on Big Ideas Math. This textbook has an online component so both, students and parents, will have round the clock access to resources and support materials. There are approximately 160 students; however, there will be two groups: Algebra and Eighth Grade Math. Only 103 textbooks will need to be purchased. The cost for textbooks and shipping will be \$6,555.74. This cost will be taken from the current budget using the supplies and materials line item.

Mr. Limanek moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the purchase of eighth grade math textbooks as presented.

Carried 4/0

#### Agenda Item 7 – FY14 Budget Update

Ms. Rothermich provided a review of the current budget. There are no major issues at this time with the budget.

#### Agenda Item 8 – Cafeteria Price Increase

Ms. Rothermich proposed an increase in school lunches due to the Federal requirements of the School Lunch Program. Accordingly, student lunches would increase .25¢ (from \$2.75 to \$3.00) and faculty lunches would increase .75¢ (from \$3.00 to \$3.75). The last increase to school lunches was in 2008.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the cafeteria price increase as presented.

Carried 4/0

#### Agenda Item 9 – Approve Capital Plan

Ms. Rothermich reviewed the five year Capital Plan with the Committee.

Mr. Limanek moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the Capital Plan as presented.

Carried 4/0

#### Agenda Item 10 – Distribution of Initial FY15 Budget Books

Proposed FY2015 School Budget Books were distributed to the Committee.

#### Agenda Item 11 – Review Preliminary FY15 Budget

Ms. Rothermich reviewed the Preliminary FY15 Budget with the Committee indicating that the Capital Plan will now be replaced as approved. On January 27, 2014, the FY2015 School Budget will be public and adopted. Anyone that has a question or concern is encouraged to send an e-mail to any member of the School Committee or Superintendent. This information will be reviewed again at the Public Budget Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2014.

#### Agenda Item 12 – Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Audit

Mr. Friend presented the Audit of the SWCEC.

#### Agenda Item 13 – Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Annual Report for 2013

Mr. Friend presented the Annual Report of SWCEC.

#### Agenda Item 14 - **Superintendent's Update**

Mr. Friend will be attending the Superintendents' Scholars Luncheon with Rachel Miller and Dan Delongchamp this Thursday, an amazing event that shows the caliber of students in Central

Massachusetts. Ms. Miller will be recognized at the School Committee meeting on January 27, 2014.

Informal meetings continue with the Sutton Teachers Association. We are working on language for the new contract and will be setting up formal negotiations shortly. It makes little sense to set them up at this time without revenue numbers from the Governor, House or Senate.

The District Learning Team will be meeting next Monday evening to discuss community service learning, which was the topic of most interest by the committee. Everyone is invited to attend.

Selectmen are working with the bonding company finalizing the details of hiring new general contractor. Hopefully, we will see workers on site before the end of the month.

Our new building had some leaks at the front and rear entryway and hallway, as well as in one of the classrooms caused by a rainstorm back in December. As the roof is not finished, it lifted and the rain came in behind. There was a leak of antifreeze in the library caused by a seal that was not installed properly. The library was closed and the spill cleaned up. The antifreeze is not hazardous. Wood paneling in the hallway has been lifting up and many pieces have been taken down. The Board of Selectmen, Building Committee, and General Contractor are working together to rectify these problems.

#### Agenda Item 15 - New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

None.

#### Agenda Item 16 - Adjournment to Executive Session

At 7:58 p.m., Mr. Jerome motioned to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing individual students and not reconvene in Open Session.

Ms. Feifert Clark, Yes

Mr. Limanek, Yes

Mr. Brennan, Yes

Mr. Jerome, Yes

Carried 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen  
Recording Secretary