



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Liisa Locurto, Chair; Mary Green, Secretary; and Paul Brennan.

School Committee Member not present at the meeting was Nate Jerome, Vice Chair.

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

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

Ms. Locurto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3 – Citizen Forum

Joyce Smith from Sutton spoke on the importance of being accredited by NEASC and the value of having the school go through the process of self-evaluation. Jen Sumner from Sutton suggested that an open forum meeting be organized to provide the community with an opportunity to discuss the budget and override.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2015 and the Bill Schedules as presented. As we do not have a quorum to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2015, this item shall be placed on the next agenda.

Carried 3-0-0

Agenda Item 5 – Electricity Update

Mr. Friend provided a summation of the contributing factors that effected the electric bill.

Agenda Item 6 – Accept Electric Supply Bid

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to accept the electric supply bid as recommended by Susan Rothermich.

Carried 3-0-0

Agenda Item 7 – Award Bids for Copy Paper, School/Office/Custodial/Cafeteria Supplies

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to award the bids for copy paper and supplies as recommended by Susan Rothermich.

Carried 3-0-0

Agenda Item 8 – Review Memoranda of Agreement

Mr. Friend provided explanations as to the need for a Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Auditorium Supervisor, as well as a Memorandum of Agreement Regarding High School Schedule and Work Day.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve both Memoranda of Agreement as presented.

Carried 3-0-0

Agenda Item 9 – NEASC

Mr. Friend reached out to NEASC and asked that they adapt their program to align with the changes in public education. He is supportive of keeping \$3,300 in the budget for the fee associated with accreditation while awaiting a response from NEASC. [This item will be included and voted on with budget.]

Agenda Item 10 – Vote on Sports Fee Increase

A recommendation was made to increase the sports fee to \$300 each sport (up to two sports) and third sport is \$150; family cap of \$1,500.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to increase the sports fee as presented.

Carried 3-0-0

Agenda Item 11 – Add Back In .5 or .7 Music Position

A proposal was made to cut 1 FTE music position from the budget. It was suggested to increase this position to .5, but then ask for a second vote to increase it to .8 when we receive budget from the state. This will cause a net increase of \$17,240. It was decided that it would be best to adjust the revolving account by this amount and let the teacher know he was hired back at a .8 music position. [This item will be included and voted on with budget.]

Agenda Item 12 – FY16 Budget Update

Ms. Rothermich provided an overview of the FY16 Budget.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to adopt \$16,137,550 as the FY16 Budget and to adjust the revolving account by \$17,240 as presented.

Carried 3-0-0

Agenda Item 13 – Superintendent’s Update

Team meetings were held to update the Strategic Plan. Parents are encouraged to get involved with the District Learning Team to have a say in what is going on in our schools. SEFT is in need of community members to participate in fundraising. We are looking into building a greenhouse and need parent volunteers to help with fundraising.

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

None.

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment

At 8:44 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to adjourn.

Carried 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda
Briefing Sheet
Minutes (5-18-15 & 6-08-15)
Bill Schedules (6-10-15; 6-17-15; 6-24-15; 6-25-15)
SCEL & ELEM National Grid Meter
MS & HS Engineering Estimate
Memo re: FY16 Electric Supply Agreement
Memo re: French River Collaborative & The Education Cooperative Bids
MOA re: Auditorium Supervisor
MOA re: HS Schedule & Work Day
NEASC Information
FY16 Budget Summary