



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Board Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014.

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

Administrators present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Susan Rothermich, Business Manager; Ted McCarthy, High School Principal; and Jeff Parcels, High School Guidance Counselor.

Student present at the meeting was Rachael Miller (Superintendents' Scholar).

Presenter present at the meeting was John Smolenski, Sr. Field Director of Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative (MMSI).

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

Carried 4/0

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Agenda Item 5 – Superintendents' Scholar

Rachael Miller was recognized by the Worcester County Superintendents' Association as Scholar from Sutton High School for 2013-2014 and was presented with a certificate for her outstanding excellence, superior performance and accomplishment.

Agenda Item 6 – Approval of 2014-2015 School Calendar

It was decided that the half day for professional development scheduled for June 10th would be moved to Friday, June 5th.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Locurto seconded, to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar as amended.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 7 – Approval of FY15 Oil Bid

Ms. Rothermich recommended that the School Committee award the bid for #2 fuel oil to Petroleum Traders at a fixed price of \$3.10 per gallon for the FY15 school year.

Mr. Locurto moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark and Mr. Limanek seconded, to approve the FY15 Oil Bid as presented.

Carried 5/0

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Locurto seconded, to enter into a public hearing.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 8 – Public Hearing for FY15 Budget

Ms. Rothermich reviewed the draft FY15 Budget Summary, FY12-FY15 Budget Comparison, and Chapter 70 Allocation. We are in good shape overall. Layoffs are not anticipated.

Mr. Friend received a good quote of \$52,486 for a new K-5 textbook series as our current textbooks are outdated. A full committee investigated all books and chose Investigations Math Series, which complements the common core.

Ms. Locurto moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to close the public session.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 9 – Adoption of FY15 Budget

Mr. Jerome motioned, Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Limanek seconded, to adopt the FY15 Budget as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 10 – Approval of Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative

John Smolenski, Sr. Field Director of the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative provided the School Committee with a presentation explaining this initiative.

Mr. Jerome motioned, Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 11 – Approval of New High School Schedule

Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Parcels provided a presentation on the new proposed “8 Drop 3” student schedule, wherein students would only have five classes per day and are enrolled in 8 courses overall. This is expected to help lessen the amount of homework each evening and allow students to be able to take elective courses. The class time on the new schedule would be 69 minutes, rather than 47 minutes and there would no longer be block days.

Ms. Locurto moved, and Mr. Limanek seconded, to approve the new high school schedule as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 12 – Approval of Massachusetts Association of Student Councils Annual Conference

Ms. Locurto moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the field trip of the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils as presented.

Carried 5/0

Agenda Item 13 - Superintendent's Update

PARRC Assessment assignments have been completed. Testing will be done in two classes in grades 3, 5 (6, 7, 8 math) and high school geometry. SEPAC will be holding a fundraiser at Celtics game this Sunday. PAC sold over 100 tickets. We have 40 volunteers to sell 50/50 raffle tickets. Mr. Friend will be selling tickets and it is rumored that he will be on the court at half time. A lock down drill was conducted today. It went very well and included a half dozen police, four members of the consulting firm for security and two EMTs, as well as Administration. Additional drills will be conducted throughout the spring. On February 4th, Mr. Friend will be attending a RETELL meeting, which is for school districts that have very few ELL students. The Virtual Middle School had 25 students participate this fall; every student had an average above 90%. Jason Dimmick and Olivia Reinold both placed sixth this weekend at the Reggie Lewis Center Elite Track and Field Meet.

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

None.

Agenda Item 15 - Adjournment to Executive Session

At 9:13 p.m., Mr. Jerome motioned to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Ms. Locurto seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations and not reconvene in Open Session.

Ms. Locurto, Yes
Mr. Brennan, Yes
Ms. Feifert Clark, Yes
Mr. Limanek, Yes
Mr. Jerome, Yes

Carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary