



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Board Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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.

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 the Consent Agenda as presented.

Carried 4-0-1 (Ms. Locurto)

Agenda Item 5 – Purchase New Van

It was recommended that a new van be purchased to replace an existing van requiring a significant amount of work including the transmission. If the purchase was made before the end of the fiscal year it would help to spread out the replacement cycle. A Toyota Sienna, which fits the Green Community criteria, would cost approximately \$28,000. Currently there is \$70,000 in the transportation revolving account to cover this purchase.

Ms. Locurto moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the purchase of a new van as presented.

Carried 5-0

Agenda Item 6 – Review 2014-2015 School Calendars

Discussions continued about calendar options for the 2014-2015 school year. It was noted that staff and student attendance on Good Friday for the past two years was poor. It was recommended that, if we are going to adjust the school calendar, we may want to build in Good Friday off. There was also discussion of reducing the February vacation to two days or taking it away completely. Parents were encouraged to contact the Superintendent or School Committee with their thoughts. A survey will be sent out to the community.

Agenda Item 7 – Ratify STA Contract

The contract with Sutton Teachers Association was ratified.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Locurto seconded, to approve the ratification of the contract with Sutton Teachers Association as presented.

Carried 5-0

Agenda Item 8 – Review SWCEC Contract

Mr. Friend presented the 3rd Quarter Report of the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

Agenda Item 9 – Superintendent’s Update

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st @ 7:00 p.m. in the SCEL Auditorium. There are 21 new inductees. Tim Frazier and Denielle Stasa are the Sutton Public Schools’ Promising Practices representatives and are being recognized for their work on flipped classrooms at a breakfast on May 3rd. Our mid-cycle review for the Coordinated Program Review begins this spring.

Agenda Item 10 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

Town meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12th.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment to Executive Session

At 7:37 p.m., Mr. Jerome motioned to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Mr. Limanek seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of contract 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