



# 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, MAY 19, 2014.

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

**Administrators present** at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Michael Breault, Principal of Simonian Center for Early Learning; Denise Harrison, Principal of Elementary School; Nicole Haghdoust, Teacher; and Coleen Motyl-Szary, Teacher.

## **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**

Ms. Locurto moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Carried 4-0

## **Agenda Item 5 – Approval of Student Trip to Costa Rica**

Nichole Haghdoust and Coleen Motyl-Szary presented information on the student trip to Costa Rica to take place during the 2014-2015 school year.

Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Ms. Locurto seconded, to approve the Student Trip to Costa Rica as presented.

Carried 4-0

## **Agenda Item 6 – Simonian Center for Early Learning’s Presentation of 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan and Changes to Student/Parent Handbook**

Mr. Breault provided an overview of the modifications to the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan and Student/Parent Handbook.

Ms. Locurto moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan for the Simonian Center for Early Learning as presented.

Carried 4-0

**Agenda Item 7 – Elementary School’s Presentation of 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan and Changes to Student/Parent Handbook**

Mrs. Harrison provided an overview of the modifications to the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan and Student/Parent Handbook.

Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Ms. Locurto seconded, to approve the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan for the Elementary School as presented.

Carried 4-0

**Agenda Item 8 – First Reading of Student Discipline Policy Amendment**

Our Student Discipline Policy is already in accordance with the new law. However, we have now included references to 37H 1/2 and 37H 3/4 under Legal References in the policy.

**Agenda Item 9 – Overview of Agreement between Sutton Teachers Association and Sutton School Committee**

Mr. Friend provided a summary of this Agreement.

**Agenda Item 10 – Review SWCEC 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report**

Mr. Friend presented the 1st and 2nd Quarterly Reports of the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

**Agenda Item 11 – Approval of Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Agreement**

An overview of the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Agreement was provided by Mr. Friend.

Ms. Locurto moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to approve the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Agreement as presented.

Carried 4-0

**Agenda Item 12– Purchase of Grow School**

The Grow School is an alternative school for students used by the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative. The Collaborative is researching the possibility of purchasing this school.

**Agenda Item 13 – Select Date and Venue for SC Retreat**

The School Committee has tentatively agreed to schedule its retreat at the Blackstone Valley Country Club on Friday, July 11, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 14 – Superintendent’s Update**

Mr. Friend graciously thanked the Sutton Education Foundation Trust (SEFT) for its approval of three grants. Monies received will be allocated to: (1) purchasing instruments to support our music program at the Simonian Center for Early Learning and Elementary School; (2) purchasing 20 nooks for rental from the Middle School library; and (3) purchasing video production equipment for use on different projects, including the Roman Aqueduct Project. The MMSI grant will provide us with funding for Professional Development training for teachers.

The number of students enrolled in AP courses for the 2014-2015 school year has increased. Mr. Friend attended a session in Hudson today regarding PARCC and MCAS. It was his recommendation that we stay with MCAS.

**Agenda Item 15 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items**

The Town was thanked for their continued support of school, especially in the capital budget.

**Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 8:35 p.m., Mr. Jerome motioned to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Locurto moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations and to discuss legal matters and not reconvene in Open Session.

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

Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen  
Recording Secretary