



# Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

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The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015.

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

**School Committee Member absent** from the meeting was Jesse Limanek.

**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 7:30 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. Jerome moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, excluding the Minutes of December 1, 2014, which will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Carried 3-0-1 (Brennan)

## **Agenda Item 5 – Superintendent’s Scholar**

Emily Kulp was selected as Worcester County Superintendents’ Association Scholar for 2014-2015 for her outstanding excellence, superior performance and accomplishment.

## **Agenda Item 6 – Student Update**

Student Representatives were not available for this meeting.

## **Agenda Item 7 – FY15 Budget Update**

Ms. Rothermich reviewed the FY15 Fiscal Budget.

## **Agenda Item 8 – Public Hearing for FY16 Budget**

Ms. Rothermich reviewed FY16 Budget Memo in detail. This Memo will be posted to our school website on the District Home Page.

Ms. Locurto motioned to open the public hearing on the FY16 School District Budget.

Mr. Jerome moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to open the public hearing on the FY16 School District Budget.

Carried 4-0

Rebecca Mott identified herself as a resident of Sutton. Her concern was whether or not the comparison of the 2015 to 2016 YTD Expense and Budget was originally planned, as well as how concerned citizens should go about allocating money from the Town.

Mike Whittier identified himself as a resident of Sutton and a teacher for the Sutton Public Schools. He voiced concerns relating to classroom size, staffing, and the demands being placed upon the teachers.

Ms. Locurto motioned to close the public hearing on the FY16 School District Budget. Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to close the public hearing on the FY16 School District Budget.

Carried 4-0

**Agenda Item 9 – Adopt FY16 Budget**

Increases to the budget are due to contractual increases, special education costs, and bringing the new school on-line. The funding of the FY16 budget reflects a decrease in revolving accounts and grants of \$308,000.

Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to adopt the FY16 Budget as presented.

Carried 4-0

**Agenda Item 10 – Propose Change in Current Year Calendar to Eliminate March Professional Development Day.**

Mr. Friend proposed changing March 13, 2015 from a Professional Development Day to a regular school day. A vast majority of the teachers are moving this year and this would allow them six hours to pack and unpack materials outside of the school day.

Mr. Jerome moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to change the March 13th Professional Development Day to a regular school day as presented.

Carried 4-0

**Agenda Item 11 – Approve Field Trip to Hyannis, MA**

Mr. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to approve Student Council's field trip to Hyannis, MA as presented.

Carried 4-0

**Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent's Update**

Mr. Friend reviewed the protocol of rendering a decision to cancel or delay school due to inclement weather. He thanked Roger Raymond, Facility Manager, and the custodial staff for the wonderful work they have done. Two priorities on which to focus are: (1) keeping class sizes small in the SCEL and ES; and (2) creating a long term HS schedule.

**Agenda Item 13 – New Business/Agenda Items/Action Items**

None.

**Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 8:48 p.m., Mr. Jerome moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issue and not return to open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen  
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda  
Briefing Sheet  
Minutes (12-01-14)  
Minutes (01-05-15)  
Bill Schedule (01-14-15)  
Bill Schedule (01-21-15)  
Bill Schedule (02-05-15)  
Profile of Superintendents' Scholar  
Year-To-Date Budget Report  
FY16 Budget Memo  
Field Trip Approval Form