



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Board Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Liisa Locurto, Chair; Nate Jerome, Vice Chair; Jesse Limanek, Esquire and Paul Brennan.

Administrator present at the meeting was Theodore Friend, Superintendent.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

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

Agenda 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda 3 – Citizen Forum

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda was moved to 09-08-14 meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Third Reading and Adoption of Background Checks Policy

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to adopt the Background Checks Policy as presented.

Carried 4-0

Agenda Item 6 – Third Reading and Adoption of Conservation of Energy Policy

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to adopt the Conservation of Energy Policy as presented.

Carried 4-0

Agenda Item 7 – Appointment of Superintendent to Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative (SWCEC) Board

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Limanek seconded, to appoint the Superintendent to the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Board

Carried 4-0

Agenda Item 8 –Superintendent’s Update

Today was the first day back for staff. It started off with a faculty meeting in the new auditorium. We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. The final details to the auditorium should be completed over the next couple of weeks. Ms. Locurto did a great job setting the tone of the meeting indicating that we are headed in the right direction. She reviewed the Strategic

Plan and provided an update of how we had performed. Once the updated plan is finalized, it will be uploaded to the website. Mr. Friend advised that time was spent updating security protocol and training staff on our new wireless security system. He anticipates that we will go live sometime in October. All teachers will have ID swipe cards to use from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm. We will also have a log of who enters when. Mr. Friend attended a conference for superintendents at Cape Cod. He had a discussion with the superintendent from Lexington about our mission to help every single child reach full potential and the cost to achieve this goal. We are doing a lot more with a lot less. We are asking more of teachers and they are doing a wonderful job. When Route 146 opens up and more businesses develop, we need to invest more money in education for Sutton.

Agenda Item 9 – New Business/Agenda Items/Action Items

Ms. Locurto attended the welcome back ceremony. Mr. Friend did great job welcoming the staff back. The School Committee participated in a day long retreat spending 6-7 hours discussing curriculum components with Margo and Ted. The goals for the School Committee were established. The Committee recognizes that Sutton is fortunate to have a Superintendent that has leadership skills crucial to Sutton. We are well aware that the market is hot for worthy Superintendents and that the supply is few. When you have a good one, you want to keep him. The School Committee agreed to a five year contract with Mr. Friend starting July, 2014. In the year 2014-2015, he will receive \$150,760 which rolls education benefits into the base salary. Years 16, 17, and 18 includes a 3% increase. We are extremely happy to have Ted and continuity in the district as he offers stability and leadership. When you look back four years ago and see where we are now, there have been great improvements and vast changes. The Committee welcomes back all staff and students!

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m., Ms. Locurto moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to adjourn.

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

Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary