



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Liisa Locurto, Chair; Nathan Jerome, Vice Chair; Mary Green, Secretary; Paul Brennan and Bruce Edwards.

Administrators present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Susan Rothermich, Business Manager; and Christina Tuomala, Athletic Director.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Ms. Locurto 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. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 5 – Boys Volleyball Co-Op Team

Christina Tuomala, Athletic Director, provided information about the opportunity for Sutton student athletes to participate with the Douglas Boys Volleyball Team as a Co-op team for the 2016 Spring Season. Student athletes would pay a sport's fee of \$300 to Douglas, which would cover the cost of facility use, uniforms, equipment, coaching, officials at home matches, as well as transportation from Douglas to away matches. Student athletes must provide their own transportation to and from practices and home matches.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to approve the Boys Volleyball Co-op Team with Douglas as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Mr. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to open the public hearing on the FY17 School Budget.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 6 – Public Hearing for FY17 School Budget

Ms. Rothermich reviewed the FY17 School Budget. Several residents/parents voiced their concerns about Special Education; having a sewer connected to the schools; and the possibility

of having a delayed override (within a few years) so that we may sustain the education, receive items on the District's wish list and move forward.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to close the public hearing on the FY17 School Budget.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 7 – Adopt FY17 School Budget

Mr. Jerome moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to adopt the FY17 School Budget as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 8 – Superintendent's Update

Due to the rash of bomb threats last week in the State of Massachusetts, the Police Chief and Fire Chief met with the Administrative Team Thursday to review plans and protocols. In late February, a service dog will be accompanying a student to school each day. Law requires that the service dog be allowed and we are in full support. Notifications have gone home to parents and there will be information nights and training for personnel. NEASC has been delayed until 2018, which will provide the organization time to fully develop changes in their program.

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

None.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

At 8:13 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to adjourn.

Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda
Briefing Sheet
Minutes (01-04-16)
Bill Schedule (01-13-16)
Letter re: Boys Volleyball co-op with Douglas
Proposed FY17 School Budget