



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016.

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

School Committee Member absent from the meeting was Nate Jerome, Vice Chair.

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 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3 – Citizen Forum

No one present.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

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

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 5 – Student Update

Student Representatives were not available due to inclement weather.

Agenda Item 6 – Introduce New Business Manager

Mr. Friend introduced Nancy Konisky as our new Business Manager. Ms. Konisky will begin working alongside of our current Business Manager, Susan Rothermich, on June 1st.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Nancy Konisky to the position of Business Manager.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 7 – Costa Rica Trip

Due to inclement weather, this agenda item will be rescheduled to the next School Committee meeting on May 2, 2016.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion with State Senator, Ryan Fattman, and State Representative, Joseph McKenna

State Senator, Ryan Fattman, and State Representative, Joseph McKenna, provided information relating to the school budget, as well as answered questions.

Agenda Item 9 – FY16 Budget Update

Ms. Rothermich provided an overview of the budget. A recommendation was made to transfer \$1,700 from the interest subsidiary account to the yearbook account to put towards the yearbook payment.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to transfer \$1,700 from the interest subsidiary account to the yearbook account to put towards the yearbook payment as presented.

Carried 3-0-1 (Green)

Agenda Item 10 – Award Wastewater Treatment Plant Bid

A bid was received from WhiteWater, Inc. in response to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and Maintenance Service for Sutton Public Schools.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to award the Wastewater Treatment Plant Bid to WhiteWater, Inc. as recommended by the Business Manager.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 11 – Approval of Health Care Changes for SESA & STA

Health care will be restructured as of July 1, 2016, allowing the Town lower health care costs.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to approve the changes for Health Care for the Sutton Education Support Association and Sutton Teachers Association as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 12 – School Choice Seats

Mr. Friend provided information on the number of School Choice students currently enrolled in our district, as well as the number of School Choice requests to attend in 2016-2017. It was the Superintendent’s recommendation to open 1 seat in Kindergarten for the sibling of a student currently enrolled and 7 seats in grade 9.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve opening school choice seats as recommended by the Superintendent.

Carried 4-0-0

The first reading of the updated School Choice policy took place.

Agenda Item 13 – Superintendent’s Update

Mr. Marcucci was honored with the Mass Insight’s Partners in Excellence Award for helping students succeed in the English Advanced Placement course. Mr. Smith met with the Selectmen regarding a cell tower at Whittier’s Farm. The State passed a new opiate law requiring school districts to verbally test students; we are awaiting an exemplar policy from MASC. The principals of the Elementary School and Middle School, as well as our Technology Department, have spent a lot of time on PARCC preparation. PARCC will be instituted after April vacation. April 26th has been designated as the Day on the Hill (an advocacy day for MASC and MASS). The Town is looking to use the High School Auditorium as the central location for voting starting with the Primary Election in September. Accordingly, we will keep the 2016-2017

School Calendar that was voted on previously by the School Committee. This Friday evening, Devin McCordy from the Patriots will be in attendance at an assembly for the High School students.

Agenda Item 14 – New Business/Agenda Items/Action Items

Mr. Edwards has been attending quite a few basketball games and wished to recognize Christina Tuomala and Justin Falvo. The teams are great and it was noticeable that Ms. Tuomala did a fine job corralling students and making sure that they were well behaved. As far as our pep band, you can't find a better pep band anywhere. Mr. Falvo's energy and enthusiasm radiates through the band and into the students in the stands. Thank you to both, Ms. Tuomala and Mr. Falvo! After review of the job descriptions, it was decided that the qualifications and licenses should be listed for all jobs under the Sutton Teachers Association.

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment

At 9:10 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to adjourn.

Carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda
Briefing Sheet
Minutes (03-07-16)
Bill Schedules (03-09-16; 03-17-16; 03-23-16)
Overnight Trip Form
Year-to-Date Budget Report
Letter and Memo re: Student Activities
Memo re: Transfer to Yearbook account
Memo re: Wastewater Treatment Plant Bid
SESA MOA re: Health Care
STA MOA re: Health Care
Request for School Choice Seat
Enrollment 2016-2017
JFBB – School Choice – proposed edit to language