



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016.

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

Administrators present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Denise Harrison, Elementary School Principal; and Jessica Merriam, Simonian Center for Early Learning Principal

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

Jesse Limanek, a father of school aged children, personally thanked Liisa Locurto for her dedication while serving on the School Committee. He spoke of the tremendous respect he had for her, as well as his admiration of her leadership skills and the fact that she was serving for each and every single child in our school district.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

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

Carried 3-0-2 (Jerome, Locurto)

Agenda Item 5 – School Improvement Plan Update (ELEM/SCEL)

Denise Harrison provided an update of the Elementary School Improvement Plan. Jessica Merriam provided an update of the School Improvement Plan for the Simonian Center for Early Learning.

Agenda Item 6 – Student Handbook Changes (ELEM/SCEL)

Denise Harrison reviewed the changes to be made to the Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year.

Jessica Merriam reviewed the changes to be made to the Simonian Center for Early Learning Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Harrison and Ms. Merriam reviewed the changes being made to the Health Services Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to approve the changes to the Student Handbooks for the Elementary School and Simonian Center for Early Learning as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 7 – Third Reading and Adoption of School Choice Policy

A third reading of the School Choice Policy took place.

Mr. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to approve the adoption of the School Choice Policy as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 8 – Ratify SESA Agreement

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to ratify the Sutton Education Support Association Agreement as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 9 – SWCEC Third Quarter Report

Mr. Friend reviewed the third quarter report of the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Evaluation

The School Committee rendered its evaluation on Superintendent Friend.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to accept the evaluation as presented.

Carried 4 -1-0 (Edwards)

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the section entitled Student Learning Goals be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the section entitled Professional Practice Goals be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the section entitled School Improvement Goals be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the section entitled Instructional Leadership be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the section entitled Management and Operations be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the grade for the section entitled Family and Community Engagement be changed from exemplary to proficient, and that it also be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the section entitled Professional Culture be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the section entitled Overall Performance be amended to include all of the comments made by each member of the School Committee.

Not Carried

Agenda Item 11 – Superintendent’s Update

Susan Rothermich and Margo Austein will be making their final reports to the Committee at our next meeting on June 6th. Upcoming events: Senior Reception on Tuesday following Memorial Day; Class Day on Wednesday; and Graduation on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Mechanics Hall. Internship Fair was a highlight for our district; the feedback from students was positive.

Agenda Item 12 – New Business/Agenda Items/Action Items

Mr. Jerome reminded us that the Town Election is being held tomorrow. Ms. Locurto thanked everyone who participated in the survey. The results will be reviewed during the summer retreat. Committee members thanked Ms. Locurto for her phenomenal contributions she made while serving on the School Committee – a job well done!

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 9:17 p.m., Mr. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations with Sutton Education Support Association and not reconvene in Open Session.

Mr. Jerome, Yes
Mr. Brennan, Yes
Ms. Locurto, Yes
Ms. Green, Yes
Mr. Edwards, Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda

Briefing Sheet

Minutes (04-04-16; 05-02-16)

Bill Schedules (05-11-16)

School Improvement Plans

Changes to Student Handbooks

JFBB – School Choice

SWCEC 3rd Quarter Report

Superintendent's Evaluation