



# 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 MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016.

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

**Administrators present** at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Margo Austein, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Special Projects; Susan Rothermich, Business Manager; and Gerry Goyette, Middle School Principal

**Student Representatives present** at the meeting were Michael Sherman and Hannah Sullivan.

## **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Friend called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **Agenda Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Agenda Item 3 – School Committee Reorganization**

Mr. Brennan nominated, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to appoint Nate Jerome as Chair.

*Carried 5-0-0*

Mr. Jerome nominated, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to appoint Paul Brennan as Vice Chair.

*Carried 5-0-0*

Mr. Jerome nominated, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to appoint Mary Green as Secretary.

*Carried 5-0-0*

## **Agenda Item 4 – Citizen Forum**

Mike Whittier, President of the Sutton Teachers Association, is supporting a No vote on Lifting the Charter Cap. The Sutton Education Support Association is also in support of a No vote. Lifting the cap may allow for up to 12 new charter schools each year. As a public school, we are very concerned because funds will be drawn away. More information may be found at [saveourpublicschoolsma.com](http://saveourpublicschoolsma.com) or by contacting Mike Whittier.

## **Agenda Item 5 – Recognition of Previous School Committee Members**

Mr. Friend recognized Liisa Locurto, Jesse Limanek, and Kristen Feifert-Clark for their past years of service and outstanding dedication while on the School Committee.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Consent Agenda**

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2016.

*Carried 4-0-1 (Tufts)*

Ms. Green moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to approve the Bill Schedules as presented.

*Carried 5-0-0*

### **Agenda Item 7 – Student Update**

AP exams were very long; Internship Fair took place; All Schools Award Ceremony is June 10; Prom was at the Biltmore on May 13; Last week was Senior Week – consisted of bowling, hypnotist, mechanical bull, games, prizes and tons of food; Seniors also attended a dinner cruise out of Boston; Class Day was June 1; Seniors participated in a new event, Senior Graduation Walk; Graduation was June 2 at Mechanics Bank; students will be having a summer barbeque or “Hippie Jam Fest” as a way to relax before finals. Undergraduate awards will be given by each department for outstanding achievement and hard work. The Seniors’ class gift to the school was a grill.

### **Agenda Item 8 – School Improvement Plan Update (MS)**

Mr. Goyette provided an update of the Middle School Improvement Plan.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Student Handbook Changes (MS)**

There were no changes for the Middle School Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year, other than the reference to the new technology policies.

### **Agenda Item 10 – FY16 Budget Update**

Ms. Rothermich provided an update to the FY16 Budget. At this time, Transportation has a savings of \$40K. A recommendation was made to purchase a van now using the money in the transportation revolving account.

Ms. Green moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to purchase one van using money from the transportation revolving account as presented.

*Carried 4-1-0 (Brennan)*

### **Agenda Item 11 – FY17 Budget Update**

Ms. Rothermich provided an update to the FY17 Budget. A recommendation was made by the Director of Food Services to increase the price of milk to \$.75.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the recommendation of the Director of Food Services to increase the milk price as presented.

*Carried 5-0-0*

### **Agenda Item 12 – Special Education Update**

Margo Austein provided an update on Special Education.

**Agenda Item 13 – Select Date and Venue for Retreat**

It was decided that the venue for the retreat would be the Superintendent’s Conference Room. Dianne will reach out to members via e-mail as to available dates and topics to be added as agenda items.

**Agenda Item 14 – Superintendent’s Update**

Mr. Friend advised that the House and Senate are in conference ironing out a budget compromise regarding the kindergarten grant; the House funds the grant and the Senate does not. Mr. Friend attended at a meeting regarding the common core to gather information and better understand the position of the group that was in agreement to eliminate the common core and return to the original frameworks.

**Agenda Item 15 – New Business/Agenda Items/Action Items**

Graduation was spectacular - great venue; band and chorus did excellent!

**Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 8:39 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Administrative Assistant contract and not reconvene in Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen  
Recording Secretary

Documents:

- Agenda
- Briefing Sheet
- Minutes (05-23-16)
- Bill Schedules (05-26-16; 05-27-16; 06-02-16)
- FY16 Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Memo re: Milk Price Increase
- FY17 Budget Summary