



# 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, OCTOBER 5, 2015.

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

**School Committee Member absent** from the meeting was Bruce Edwards.

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

**Student Representative** present at the meeting was Katie Brown.

## **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Ms. Locurto called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Brennan moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Carried 3-0-1 (Green)

## **Agenda Item 5 – Student Update**

Students like the new schedule because they have every class almost every day, especially the AP classes. CSL cleaned up the nature trail so teachers can use. Journalism is working on a new school newspaper. Homecoming was successful. There was a cookout before the pep rally and the dance went very well. A lot of students are signing up for the Walk Out of Darkness in October, which is a walk for suicide prevention.

## **Agenda Item 6 – FY16 Budget Update**

Ms. Rothermich provided an overview of the current budget. The Kindergarten grant came through. Special Education allocation was awarded \$19,000 higher than what we budgeted. These grants will be used to supplant the budget.

## **Agenda Item 7 – Third Reading and Adoption of Physical Restraint of Students Policy**

The third reading of the Physical Restraint of Students Policy was held.

Mr. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to adopt the Physical Restraint of Students Policy as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

**Agenda Item 8 – Third Reading and Adoption of Disposal of Surplus Property Policy**

The third reading of the Disposal of Surplus Property Policy was held.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to adopt the Disposal of Surplus Property Policy as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

**Agenda Item 9 – Approve Lists of Surplus Property**

Mr. Friend reviewed the lists of surplus property to be donated.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the lists of surplus property as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

**Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update**

The MMSI Kickoff Program begins October 7th. The proposal for a Charter school in Shrewsbury is not going forward. The Department of Education indicated it was not the right location for the project and did not approve it. On November 17th, the Board of Education will vote on MCAS vs. PARCC. Representative Fattman sent out invitations to communities in his district; however, the meeting was poorly attended, probably due to the fact that the timing of the meeting was difficult. Chapter 70 funding was discussed with Representatives Fattman and McKenna. ELL is an unfunded mandate. There is a push to take common core out of the MA curriculum. A voice mail message will go out on reminding the community that Wednesday, October 14th is the Sutton Public Schools’ Budget Presentation. This will be a public School Committee meeting. A request to begin SESA negotiations in January, 2016 was received by Elaine Valk. The Superintendent Goals were reviewed. The Budget Presentation will be reviewed with Fincom on Oct. 27th.

**Agenda Item 11 – New Business/Agenda Items/Action Items**

None.

**Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 7:54 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Jerome seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for Special Education Update on Out-of-District Placements and not reconvene in Public Session.

Mr. Jerome – Yes  
Mr. Brennan – Yes  
Ms. Locurto – Yes  
Ms. Green – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen  
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda  
Briefing Sheet  
Minutes (9/14/15)  
Executive Minutes (08/31/15)  
Bill Schedules (9/17/15 & 9/24/15)  
Year-To-Date Budget Report  
Disposal of Surplus Property Policy  
Physical Restraint of Students Policy  
Lists of Surplus Property