



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016.

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

School Committee Member absent from the meeting was Liisa Locurto, Chair.

Administrators present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Coleen Motyl-Szary, Teacher; Jennifer Herzog, Teacher; Ted McCarthy, High School Principal; and Susan Rothermich, Business Manager.

Student Representatives present at the meeting were Michael Sherman and Madison Troy.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Jerome 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

As we did not have a quorum to vote on the Minutes of April 4, 2016, these minutes will be voted on at our next School Committee meeting.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the Bill Schedules of April 6, April 14, and April 28 as presented.

Carried 3-0-0

Arrival of Mr. Edwards

Agenda Item 5 – Student Update

AP testing started today and will continue for the next two weeks. Spring sports started and is going well. The new school store opened and is selling old apparel and school supplies. As a result of sophomore, Lily Brooks, winning a twitter contest, Devin McCourty of the Patriots made an appearance at the High School pep rally. The Student Internship program is going very well; students enjoy getting out. The High School prom is on May 13th. The last day for seniors is May 16th.

Agenda Item 6 – Costa Rica Trip

Ms. Motyl-Szary provided information about the Costa Rica trip that is being offered to High School Students and which will take place during the April vacation of the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the trip to Costa Rica as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 7 – School Improvement Plan Update (HS)

Mr. McCarthy provided an update of the School Improvement Plan for the High School.

Agenda Item 8 – Student Handbook Changes (HS)

Mr. McCarthy reviewed the changes being made to the High School Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the changes to the High School Student Handbook as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Green seconded, to approve the Career Path Program.

Carried 3-0-1 (Edwards)

Agenda Item 9 – FY16 Budget Update

Ms. Rothermich provided an update of the budget. It was her recommendation to transfer \$30,000 from the Fuel Oil account as follows: \$15,000 to the Building Repair account; \$9,000 to the Water Treatment Plant account; and \$6,000 to the Telephone account.

Mr. Edwards moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to transfer monies from the Fuel Oil account to the Building Repair account, Water Treatment Plant account; and Telephone account as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 10 – Disposal of Property

Request was made to dispose of 267 library books that are old or have not been checked out in years. The books will be given to the school store to sell.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Green seconded, to approve the disposal of the library books as recommended by the Superintendent.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 11 – Second Reading of School Choice Policy

There was a second reading of the updated School Choice Policy.

Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent's Update

The USDA had a recall on chicken that affected many public schools across the state. Sutton did not have any of these recalled items. MASS came out with position papers supporting opposing the legalization of Marijuana and the repeal of the Common Core Standards. Middle School started PARCC testing last week; it went exceptionally well with only minor glitches. Thank

you to Mr. Goyette and Ms. Harrison who spent many hours in preparation, as well as to our IT Department and educators for carrying this out. The next few weeks will be dedicated to the arts; students will be involved with musical performances and art displays. Twenty-nine members were inducted to the National Honor Society last Thursday evening. Next Monday, May 9th is the Town Meeting, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Auditorium.

Agenda Item 13 – New Business/Agenda Items/Action Items

Mr. Jerome reminded everyone that it's tick season and to keep safe from ticks and mosquitos.

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 9:02 p.m., Mr. Jerome moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract issue and update on contract negotiations with Sutton Education Support Association and not reconvene in Open Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda
Briefing Sheet
Minutes (04-04-16)
Bill Schedules (04-06-16; 04-14-16; 04-28-16)
Overnight Trip Outside of Massachusetts Approval Form
School Improvement Plan
Career Path Proposal
Changes to HS Student Handbook
Year-to-Date Budget Report
Memo re: Student Activity Subsidiary Accounts
Memo re: Budget Transfer
Property Disposal Form
JFBB – School Choice – proposed edit to language