



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Nathan Jerome, Chair; Paul Brennan, Vice Chair; Bruce Edwards, Secretary; Peter Tufts; and Kristen Feifert Clark.

Administrators present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Nancy Konisky, Business Manager; and Elissa Maunus, Director of Food Services.

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

Kristen Feifert Clark moved, and Paul Brennan seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 5 – Approve Field Trips

Information was provided about the annual High School Student Council's overnight field trip to Hyannis.

Kristen Feifert Clark moved, and Paul Brennan seconded, to approve the High School Student Council Field Trip as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Information was provided about the High School Chorus' overnight field trip to New York.

Kristen Feifert Clark moved, and Peter Tufts seconded, to approve the High School Chorus Field Trip as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 6 – School Lunch Balances

Mr. Friend reviewed Sutton Public Schools' meal charging procedures, as well as school lunch balances. An update on the balance owed for school lunches is scheduled for the School Committee meeting on March 6, 2017.

Paul Brennan moved, and Kristen Feifert Clark seconded, to open the public hearing on the FY18 School Budget.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 7 – Public Hearing for FY18 School Budget

Ms. Friend reviewed the FY18 School Budget. This procedure begins in October and is a needs based budget. Overall, the budget is up approximately 3% or \$507K. This is the lowest budget gap since Mr. Friend has been here. There is hope that we may receive \$350K from the Town.

Four parents came forward to speak to their concerns about the class size of grade 4.

The School Committee thanked the parents for attending this meeting and bringing forth their concerns.

Kristen Feifert Clark moved, and Paul Brennan seconded, to close the public hearing on the FY18 School Budget.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 8 – Adopt FY18 School Budget

Paul Brennan moved, and Kristen Feifert Clark seconded, to adopt the FY18 School Budget as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 9 – Review SWCEC 2nd Quarter Report

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

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update

All of our Administrators and Educators are up-to-date with evaluations. Instructional Learning Walks will be completed tomorrow in the Simonian Center for Early Learning. It is important for principals of other buildings to see what goes on in a particular school.

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

None.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

At 8:52 p.m., Kristen Feifert Clark moved, and Paul Brennan seconded, to adjourn.

Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda

Briefing Sheet

Minutes (01-09-17)

Bill Schedules (01-11-17; 01-12-17; 01-19-17)

Field Trip Approval Form (HS Student Council)

Field Trip Approval Form (HS Chorus)

Sutton Public Schools' Meal Charging Procedure

Proposed FY18 School Budget

SWCEC 2nd Quarter Report