



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Nate Jerome, Chair; Paul Brennan, Vice Chair; Bruce Edwards, Secretary; Peter Tufts; and Kristen Feifert Clark (late arrival at 8:12 p.m.).

Administrators and Staff present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Nancy Konisky, Business Manager; and Christina Tuomala, Athletic Director.

Student Representatives present at this meeting were Michael Sherman, Hannah Sullivan 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 Form

No one present wished to speak.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

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

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 5 – Student Update

The third quarter is coming to a close. Seniors began internships; some are on campus and some are off campus. Spirit week ended with the Mini Olympics on Friday; students competed in races and events. Student Council attended the MASC Annual State Conference; students learned a lot. Nolan Carter won the title of Mr. Sutton High School. Spring sports began. The HS Band will be taking its field trip to Philadelphia this week.

Agenda Item 6 – Review of Athletic Programs

The Booster Club is having a meeting on April 4; they are looking for new members to replace four of the current Board members who have seniors graduating this year. Also tomorrow afternoon, there will be a volleyball tournament and LuLaRoe fundraiser. The Fall/Winter Athletic Awards Ceremony took place on March 22nd in the high school gym, which was the perfect venue as we were surrounded by the sports banners. We will be hosting the Spring and Dual Valley Conference All Stars in June. Schedules may be found on MIAA.net and MIAA app for smartphones. You may register to receive notifications for postponements and score updates. Spring sports started today due to

weather. The baseball and softball infields will be updated in the coming months. Slice seeding of the main varsity athletic field will be done this spring, so it will be better prepared for full time use next fall. Fall registration will be conducted at the end of June. Meet the Coach Night is scheduled for August 22 and tryouts for most sports will be August 24. Football tryouts will be August 18. Prior to Fall 2017 tryouts, we will begin baseline IMPACT concussion testing of our student athletes. This testing will provide us with a basis for comparison should a student become injured.

Agenda Item 7 – FY17 Budget Update

It is anticipated that we are going to go over approximately \$40K (\$30K on Personnel and \$10K on Med Therapeutic Out of District). This is due to the fact that two employees were out for seven months; one teacher was out for the entire year; and a half time Special Education teacher was added. The cost for med therapeutic is a requirement that we must provide, pursuant to a student’s IEP, for special services that we are unable to provide in district.

Agenda Item 8 – 2017-2018 School Calendar

Four draft calendars were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to approve Draft 1 as the 2017-2018 school district calendar as presented.

Carried 3-2-0 (Jerome, Tufts)

Agenda Item 9 – School Choice Seats

Mr. Friend provided information on class sizes in each grade and compared it to the number of requests for school choice seats. It was his recommendation to open up to eight school choice seats in grade 9.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to open five school choice seats in grade 9 as recommended by the Superintendent.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update

MCAS testing in the elementary school began today and will last until early June. Testing for grades 3-8 are online. At the Commissioner’s presentation, State Representatives discussed the c.70 funding at a minimum of \$50 per student. The District Learning Team met last week and continued its discussion about diversity and how we can address this topic within the Sutton School Community. The DLT is holding its final meeting next Tuesday; it is open to the public and all are welcome. The fifth grade held their Annual Science Fair, which was impressive and well attended. Mr. McCarthy is one of three panelists that will be speaking about school business partnerships at the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation’s annual school business meeting.

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

Mr. Jerome would like to recognize Stories to Stage, which was brought in by Denise Harrison, the Elementary School Principal. The level of talent and the number of participating children was wonderful. It was very enjoyable and will be on television.

Agenda Item 12 – Ratify MOA re: Reduction in Force

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement regarding Reduction in Force as presented.

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and not reconvene in Open Session.

Mr. Tufts, Yes
Mr. Brennan, Yes
Mr. Jerome, Yes
Mr. Edwards, Yes
Ms. Feifert Clark, Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda
Briefing Sheet
Minutes (03-20-17)
Bill Schedules (3-23-17; 3-23-17 Athletics; 3-30-17)
FY17 YTD Budget Report
2017-2018 School Calendar (drafts)