



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016.

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

Administrators and Staff present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Elissa Maunus, Director of Food Services; Melissa Shaw, English Teacher; John Stone, Science Teacher; and Story DuVall, Technology Support Specialist.

Student Representatives present at the 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 4 – Citizen Form

No one present wished to speak.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

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

Carried 3-0-1 (Brennan)

Agenda Item 5 – Student Update

Fall sports started; first meet for cross country is tomorrow; soccer opened against Oakmont and we won; football team won against Holy Name on Saturday; homecoming is October 15th – we will be going to Douglas; Friday is the senior trip to an adventure park in Connecticut; first day of school was wonderful; all the teacher were nice and welcoming; we like having the first day of school before Labor Day; AP Psych is a favorite class – also Art; you may take part in Open Campus if you maintain certain grades.

Agenda Item 6 – Introduction of New Staff

Mr. Friend introduced Melissa Shaw, English teacher; John Stone, Science teacher; Elissa Maunus, Director of Food Services; and Story DuVall, Technology Support Specialist.

Agenda Item 7 – Approve Field Trip

The High School Concert Band is seeking permission to take an overnight trip outside of Massachusetts. This is a four day Southern Tour to Philadelphia, departing on April 6 and returning April 9, 2017. Some of the highlights of the trip include seeing sights of Philadelphia; performing on Battleship New Jersey; Attending Philadelphia Orchestra; and spending the day at Six Flags. The cost is \$645 per student, which includes 3 lunches and a dinner. Any student

having difficulty with payment has an opportunity to raise money through fundraising events that have been planned.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Edwards seconded, to approve the field trip as presented

Carried 4-0-0

Agenda Item 8 – Review/Approve Superintendent’s Goals

Mr. Friend’s goals mirrored what was done with the Strategic Plan. A suggestion was made to change the wording of one of the planned activities so that it reflects what the goal is going to accomplish rather than how it’s funded. Goals will be rewritten and presented at next meeting for approval.

Agenda Item 9 – Revote Secretary

Mr. Brennan nominated, and Mr. Tufts seconded, to appoint Bruce Edwards as Secretary.

Carried: 4-0-0

Agenda Item 10 – Vote on Lifting Cap on Charter Schools

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Tufts seconded, to support the Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools.

Carried 3-0-0

Agenda Item 11 – First Reading of Policies

A first reading of the following policies was held:

- Drug-Free Workplace Policy (GBEC)
- Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs (IHAMB)
- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited (JICH)
- Administering Medicines to Students (JLCD)
- Student Activity Accounts (JJF)
- Student Activity Agency Accounts (JJF-R)

Agenda Item 12 – Superintendent’s Update

The revolving Building Use account has a balance of \$20,500. This account may be used for repairs in the auditorium and/or cafeteria. Simonian Center has brought in a monthly essential question for parents and children to work on together; a yoga “special” will take place once a week for grade K. Elementary school will have three separate Open Houses (one for each grade); Parent Band Information Night is September 13th. Middle school will have an Open House on September 14th; Teens Night Out is scheduled for September 16th; School started very smoothly and sixth graders seem to be acclimating nicely. High school will have a MIE Presentation on September 21st; Senior Seminar Series is scheduled for September 29th; October 12th is voter registration at the High School.

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

None.

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 7:52 p.m., Mr. Edwards moved, and Mr. Tufts seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and not reconvene in Public Session.

Mr. Brennan - Yes
Mr. Tufts – Yes
Mr. Jerome - Yes
Mr. Edwards - Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda

Briefing Sheet

Minutes (08-29-16)

Bill Schedules (09-01-16)

Overnight Field Trip Approval Form

Superintendent's Goals

Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools

Policies