



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016.

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

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

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Jerome called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of Silence was held for Mr. Michael Chizy.

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 Executive Session Minutes of September 12, 2016 as presented.

Carried 4-0-1 (Feifert Clark)

Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded, to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2016 and Bill Schedules of October 5, October 13, and October 20, 2016 as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 5 – Athletics Update

Ms. Tuomala requested approval for the Varsity Girls Basketball Team's overnight trip outside of Massachusetts to participate in the preseason tournament in Bristol, CT. The team would depart at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016 and return on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Feifert Clark moved, and Mr. Tufts seconded, to approve the Varsity Girls Basketball Overnight Trip Outside of Massachusetts as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Ms. Tuomala then provided an update for Athletics, which included how the teams played; the sports offered; field availability and conditions, as well as the safety of student athletes. Registration for winter sports begins November 1st; season will begin on November 28th.

Agenda Item 6 – Middle School and High School Updates

Due to a conflict, Mr. McCarthy was unable to attend this meeting. He will provide a High School update at our next meeting on November 7, 2016.

Mr. Goyette provided an update for the Middle School, which included the results from PARCC testing; descriptions of activities that took place during professional development day; a Book Club for staff; the purchase of math books for 6th grade; and the wonderful turnout for Teens Night Out and Movie Night.

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion on Overbudgeted Line Items

Mr. Friend asked the Committee for guidance as to how they wanted overbudgeted line items handled. After much discussion, it was decided that a policy should be put into place. This topic shall be added as an agenda item at our next meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Approve Disposal of Surplus Property

Mr. Raymond would like to dispose of outdated overhead projectors.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the disposal of surplus property as presented.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 9 – Third Reading and Adoption of Policies

Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Tufts seconded, to adopt policies GBEC, IHAMB, JJF, JJF-R and JLCD as presented and policy JICH as amended with “shall” replacing “may”.

Carried 5-0-0

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update

We received notice that we will have two audits next year; NEASC for the High School and CPR audit for the District that addresses Special Education, Civil Rights and English Language Learner Education. We have requested a one year delay in the CPR audit due to the conflict with NEASC. We will need to budget approximately \$20K for NEASC. Although this is a valuable exercise, it will consume most, if not all, of the professional development time for the next two years. It is expected the governor will make 9c cuts to the current budget, but will not touch education funding at this time. Our first District Learning Team (DLT) meeting was incredibly well attended. This group consists of educators, parents and students. Our topic for the year will be diversity. Just a reminder to the community that early voting began today. There are a number of very important ballot initiatives this year, so please get out and vote.

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

Mr. Brennan stated that it was an honor working with Mike Chizy. Mr. Jerome added that the contributions Mr. Chizy made to the Food Pantry were amazing. Anyone wishing to pay respects to Mr. Chizy may do so during calling hours, which will be held

tomorrow from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 North Main Street in Millbury.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

At 9:13 p.m. Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to adjourn.

Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda

Briefing Sheet

Executive Minutes (09-12-16)

Minutes (10-03-16)

Bill Schedules (10-05-16; 10-13-16; 10-20-16)

Fall 2016 – Athletic Update

Overnight Trip Outside of Massachusetts Approval Form

Property Disposal Form (DL-E1)

Policies (GBEC; IHAMB; JICH; JF; JF-R; JLCD)