



Sutton School Committee

Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017.

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

School Committee Member absent from the meeting was Peter Tufts.

Administrators present at the meeting were Theodore Friend, Superintendent; Nancy Konisky, Business Manager; and Daniel Durgin, Director of Information Technology.

Student Representatives were not present at this meeting.

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.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Carried 4-0-0 (Tufts)

Agenda Item 5 – Student Update

Student representatives were not available to provide an update.

Agenda Item 6 – Information Technology Update

Mr. Durgin provided an update for Technology as follows: Over the summer, all computers were replaced in the Simonian Center and Elementary School; three smartboards were installed – two in the Simonian Center and one in the Elementary School; inline battery backup for IDF closets were installed in Simonian Center and Elementary School; 20 interior cameras were installed in the Middle School and High School; 20 still remain to be installed for a total of 96 cameras for the campus. We are getting ready to prepare for the MCAS 2.0 testing.

Agenda Item 7 – FY17 Budget Update

Ms. Konisky provided an update of the FY17 Budget. At this time, no changes to note. We continue to work with administrators monitoring each line closely.

Agenda Item 8 – School Lunch Balances

The school lunch balance was brought down from \$11,500 to \$5,992. Of that, \$2,300 is owed by students that have free or reduced lunch. Approximately \$565 are inactive accounts where students no longer attend Sutton Public Schools. We will need to discuss how to rectify this situation later in the school year.

Agenda Item 9 – 2017-2018 School Calendar

The 2017-2018 school calendar was discussed. The discussion centered on the February vacation. While some of the community supports an abbreviated vacation in February, it appears that the vast majority of the staff supports a full vacation due to the difficulties finding childcare. Additionally, if they cannot find child care, they must resort to using personal days as they do not have vacation days. The calendar will be voted on at our next meeting on April 3, 2017.

Agenda Item 10 – Superintendent’s Update

The Career Skills Classroom would like to open a revolving account under Student Activities so they may sell coffee/hot chocolate/apple cider as part of their vocational experience.

Mr. Brennan moved, and Ms. Feifert Clark seconded, to approve creating a revolving account for Special Education’s sale of coffee, hot chocolate, and apple cider.

Carried 4-0-0 (Tufts)

Boys Basketball is playing at Hopedale this evening. Last Friday, the Boys Basketball beat Main South. Girls Basketball beat Millbury who was undefeated.

Congratulations to Ms. Stasa and Ms. Shugarman for the successful Middle School play, You Can’t Be Too Careful. The students put in a great effort and it was incredibly funny and entertaining.

The High School will be performing its second play, Almost Maine, this Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Finance Committee will be holding public hearings this month. The School Department is scheduled to present on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Due to the President’s proposal to cut \$20 Billion from Education, we may see \$50-\$60,000 being cut from grants.

Mr. Edwards commented that so often we have heard it said that the school is the “center” of the Town. Well, last Saturday, the seventh grade boys played a triple overtime basketball game all the while being cheered on by the varsity team! The Varsity coach even took the liberty, at the end of the game, to speak with the players. Mr. Edwards wanted to say Thank you!

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

None.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment to Executive Session

At 7:40 p.m., Kristen Clark moved, and Bruce Edwards seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and not reconvene in Open Session.

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

Carried 4-0-0 (Tufts)

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Guillen
Recording Secretary

Documents:

Agenda

Briefing Sheet

Minutes (02-06-17)

Bill Schedules (2-08-17; 2-08-17; 2-16-17; 2-23-17; 3-02-17)

FY17 Year-To-Date Budget Report

2017-2018 School Calendar (drafts)