

Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)
School Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017 @ 12:00 PM @ Sudbury Police Station

Open Session

Chair Lucie St. George opened the session at 12:02 PM. Sudbury Cable TV is broadcasting live.

Members Present: Lucie St. George (Chair), Ellen Winer Joachim (Vice Chair), Lisa Kouchakdjian, Christine Hogan, Richard Tinsley

Also Present: Anne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools; Susan Rothermich, Manager of Business and Finance; Justin Dulak, Recording Secretary; Betsy Joseph and Angela Spirito, SEA Representatives

I. Open Forum

A. None

II. FY18 Budget Planning

A. Discuss and Vote on Override Budget for FY18

1. Superintendent Anne Wilson and Business and Finance Manager Susan Rothermich led the Committee in an examination of the three potential FY18 budgets (Non-override; a \$675,078 override; and a \$832,797 override).
2. The Committee discussed the nature and extent of potential cuts to technology software, educators, and middle school secretaries, as well as the proper level at which to fund building maintenance. The Committee also examined the rate of increase for health insurance.
3. The Committee agreed to discuss, at a future meeting, the usage fees charged to outside groups.
4. **Ellen Winer Joachim** motioned to approve the \$832,797 budget, **Lucie St. George** seconded.
 - a) **Vote: 2-3**. Motion does not carry.
5. **Richard Tinsley** motioned to approve the \$675,078 budget, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.
 - a) **Vote: 5-0**. Motion carries.

III. Planning for Legislative Forum, March 8, 2017

- A. The Committee reviewed details for the Legislative Forum, which is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:45 PM. The Committee also discussed the topics that will be covered with the legislators.

IV. Open Forum

- A. Kathleen Bell, of 348 Old Lancaster Road, inquired about the School Committee's budget for its Recording Secretary, and what items in the budget are being shifted to capital expenses. Ms. Bell also requested that the Committee begin strategizing about how to present its budget to the town.

V. Minutes

A. December 13, 2017

1. **Lisa Kouchakdjian** motioned to approve the Minutes for December 13, 2016 as edited, **Ellen Winer Joachim** seconded.

a) **Vote: 4-0**, motion carries. **Christine Hogan** abstained.

B. January 3, 2017

1. **Christine Hogan** motioned to approve as the Minutes for January 3, 2017 as edited, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.

a) **Vote: 5-0**, motion carries.

C. January 25, 2017

1. **Christine Hogan** motioned to approve the Minutes for January 25, 2017 as edited, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.

a) **Vote: 5-0**, motion carries.

D. February 1, 2017

1. **Christine Hogan** motioned to approve the Minutes for February 1, 2017 as edited, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.

a) **Vote: 4-0**, motion carries. **Lucie St. George** abstained.

VI. Adjourn

- A. **Christine Hogan** motioned to adjourn, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.

1. **Vote: 5-0**. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Dulak