

Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)
School Committee Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
The Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Rd., Sudbury

Open Session:

Chair Lucie St. George opened the session at 6:32 p.m. Sudbury Cable TV broadcasted the meeting 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; Kimberly A. Swain, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Rothermich, Director of Business and Finance; Lisa Kouchakdjian, Acting Recording Secretary, Angela Spirito and Melissa Morabito, SEA

School Choice:

Motion by Rich to not participate in School Choice. Seconded by Christine. 5-0 Motion Passes.

Position on Warrant Articles:

Discussion on Articles—Anne states the School Committee can choose to take a position or not to take a position. The School Committee has not yet voted on any Articles. Ms. Hogan states we were supposed to vote on the Articles last week.

Articles 23-26 EWJ—Is there an update on the playgrounds? SR states the town is going to put it on for \$25,000 for items noted for repair. RT—States that originally there was a statement that the School Committee was to have been provided with a plan by this time. SR—States that there is a plan but working to make it better. CH—Asked what the down side of not passing the article is? SR—It will come back at Fall Town Meeting for the \$150,000. LVK-- Repairs can be done as it is a repair of an existing structure. Susan—It will look different at each school. There will be a phasing piece to it.

RT-Motion to take a position to approve Article 26. Seconded by LSG. 5-0 Motion passes.

Article 23: LSG moves to support Article HVAC capital repairs. RT seconded. 5-0 Motion passes.

Article 24: RT—How bad is the parking lot? SR—Design ties into the accessibility to the playground. If the Article doesn't get passed, it would impact the playground renovation. LVK—Relying upon the good work of Jim Kelly and his crew to determine what we need in the schools. RT—Much more concerned about the inside over the outside of the school.

LSG moved to support Article 24. Ellen seconded. 5-0 Motion passes.

Article 25: Ellen moves that we support this Article. CH—Seconded. 5-0 Motion passed.

Award of Bids:

SR--The Education Cooperative Bid Awards: We go out collaboratively with several different districts for all the supplies. SR—Those entities listed were all the lowest bids.

RT—Moves to accept the TEC Bid Awards. Christine seconded. 5-0 Motion passes.

SR--Second bid for CDW for the Chromebooks. CH—The Chromebooks are lasting longer than the three years. KS—Repurposing the Chromebooks from the 8th graders for the elementary schools. RT—Can we repurpose the 8th grade ones to the 6th grade? KS states trying to replace the MAC carts, and that we need enough devices to have students access online testing. CH—Can we have the PTOs contribute to the devices as we have heard from the PTOs they have been frustrated not being able to contribute? AW—At the elementary level we have labs that need to be replaced. Students in 3-5 grades need to have devices for testing. SR—Not the year to pull it back as we still have needs. RT—We know in the middle school they are used every single day. RT questions putting back 250 into the elementary schools. RT—How many days a year will they be used?? KS – We have more need for devices for use. KS—Repair rates at the elementary school are miniscule. SR--The \$79,100 was budgeted last year so they may be purchased now. CH—Last year budgeted for \$90,000. CH—What happened to the balance? SR—The money would have gone back into technology. KS- Stated the labs and the carts are obsolete. SR—Still in the replacement plan. RT—Asking MM—How often are you using technology? MM--30 Chromebooks for 4th Grade--Melissa typically deploy 10 Chromebook carts all day and deploy it in each class. 4th grade use technology a lot. MM wants a Chromebook for each kid, but wants to keep

what we lost. Trying to rack our brain around what school will look like next year. KS—We are trying to get parity in schools. RT—Doesn't see the down side of waiting a month to get another bid. RT—Sees moving a one to one policy down to the elementary school. CH asked about the residual money as we budgeted \$90,000 for new Chromebooks but the bid coming in was lower so where is the remainder of the money going? LVK—States recommendations have been made by SR and that the Committee is wasting time debating the issue.

LVK—Move to Approve Bid for Chromebooks. Seconded by Lucie. Motion passes 3-2. RT and CH opposed the motion.

Motion to Approve April 3rd Minutes as edited. EWJ Seconded Motion. 5-0 Motion passes.

Moved to Town Meeting at 7:19 P.M.

AGENDA PACKET DOCUMENTS:

- Memorandum from Susan Rothermich regarding Bids;
- Warrant Articles