

Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)  
School Committee Minutes  
Meeting  
July 24, 2017 2:30 PM @ Superintendent's Conference Room

### **Open Session**

Chair Christine Hogan opened the session at 2:36 PM

**Members Present:** Christine Hogan (Chair), Richard Tinsley (Vice Chair), Margaret Helon, Lisa Kouchakdjian, Lucie St. George

**Also Present:** Anne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, Kimberly A. Swain, Assistant Superintendent, Donald Sawyer, Director of Business and Finance, James Kelly, Director of Facilities

**1. Fall Town Meeting Articles** (Jim Kelly) – Jim Kelly presented information regarding warrant articles for playground upgrades and repairs and Nixon addition for SPS administrative offices.

- a. **Playgrounds** – Handout of playground plans and proposals from Jean Nam to the Committee (attached). Total proposed is \$1.6MM including Curtis and master plan. JK states playgrounds entirely CPA eligible as a recreational project. Timeline is beginning Summer 2018. Discussion included surface options, possible additions including track around Haynes (LK), possible hybrid plan with some new/some repurposed (RT), concern about moving forward in post-override climate as tax dollars expected to be used in classroom: what about private funding (CH), prioritization of Haynes and Noyes playgrounds (LK) and Dr. Wilson cited Stephanie Juriansz working closely with Jim Kelly and other leaders regarding playgrounds and needs.
- b. **Nixon Addition:** Jim Kelly presented request for SPS support for Article for design funds for Nixon Addition for SPS office space. JK recommends moving forward at Town Meeting in October (\$400K) for money for design only and do not have to specify Nixon. Funding source for design funds sale of police station that was \$450K. SPS asked by BOS to relocate within three years. Other options previously considered Flynn Building, Town Hall, lease space in other town, purchase in Sudbury, Fairbanks Community Center. Discussion included benefits to linking administration with a school, personnel working in the building necessary to dictate needs, importance of administration building to reflect one of the top districts in the State, other possible options including properties on Union Ave and new to-be-built Water District building. Discussion as to whether 8900 sq. ft. too much, possibility of some employees sharing space/work from home and concern over post-override climate and putting significant funds into new offices instead of into classroom.

Jim Kelly asked Committee to approve article to solicit design funds for Nixon for \$400K, perhaps \$450K (citing police station sale amount).

**LSG motioned to submit warrant article for design only funds for Nixon addition for SPS administrative offices, including needs assessment for square footage, RT seconded.**

**Vote: 3-2: CH and LK in opposition. Motion passes**

**CH would have preferred to wait until August 30 as the warrants open August 8 and close September 10 and there is still work to do.**

## **2. ESPAS Evaluation –**

**CH motioned to approve ESPAS Evaluation**

**Vote: 5-0**

## **3. Superintendent/School Committee/Liaison Reports**

CH reported:

- a. Chat with BOS liaison Dan Carty re SPS Office relocation
- a. Meeting with Jim Kelly and architect re playgrounds including alternatives to hard rubber surfacing
- b. Discussions with LSRHS Chair Kevin Matthews and LPS SC Chair Kevin Matthews re Fall Tri-District meeting

## **4. FY18 Goals**

Summary – Committee went over Dr. Wilson’s revisions to her proposed FY18 goals 7.19.17 based on feedback from Strategic Planning Committee, and CH’s proposed goals first proposed 7.19.17 in with goals, purpose, measurement toward progress and financial impact (see attached). Summary: will incorporate CH’s goals into AW’s goals and will address headings as in CH’s goals so that can be updated year over year.

**RT motioned to approve the goals as edits by AW with the expectation that we will create categories at a later date, LSG seconded.**

**Vote: 5-0**

**5. Members’ Forum –** LSG – liaison assignments – will reach out to Bryan Semple but wants to understand expectation of liaisons TO the SC. Not impressed with Tammie last year and FinCom’s performance.

LK – trying to set up meeting with Tammie. Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 31 8 AM. Need to do a better job to communicate and work together and looks forward to great relationship with Fincom.

MH – wants to see us in liaison positions representing us as a group and coming together and speak collectively for all of us. Stated displeasure with LK’s representation at 7.10 FinCom meeting and does not want to have any sense of anyone throwing anyone under the bus.

LSG – agrees with MH and adds this includes talking to reporters.

LK – agrees 100% and feels it has been lacking across the district.

RT – glad we went through the SED process and happy about opportunities in the future.

CH – regarding Globe article re METCO she sent to SC over the weekend – expressed concern and possible actionable efforts – important to build unity – how do we respond? Suggested Task Force/Tri-District Task Force and questions why article focused on Sudbury and Lincoln

LK – asked for name of new METCO director and will reach out to her.

RT – will be important for us to talk about the METCO program and all the great work going on with it.

LSG – pointed to individual parents at individual schools.

**LK motioned to adjourn, LSG seconded.**

**Vote: 5-0**

### **Future Agenda Items**

Class Size

School Start Time

Dashboard

Community/Transparency

Paperless

School Committee Norms and Governance