

Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)  
Meeting Minutes  
School Committee Meeting  
February 26, 2018, 6:00 PM  
Curtis Middle School Auditorium

**Members Present:**

Christine Hogan, Chair  
Richard Tinsley, Vice Chair  
Margaret Helon  
Lisa Kouchakdjian  
Lucie St. George

**Also Present:**

Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Finance  
Dr. Anne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools  
Kimberly Swain, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Angela Spirito, SEA Representative

**Open Regular Session**

Chair Christine Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. District Reports

- a. Business and Finance Director's Report - Don Sawyer reported that he will be in front of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee presenting the School Committee's Warrant Articles for their review and, if approved, on to Town Meeting.
- b. Assistant Superintendent's Report - (Presentation)
- c. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Anne Wilson - Dr. Wilson stated that safety is a top priority in Sudbury Public Schools, not only physical safety, but the social and emotional well-being of the students, adding that the partnerships with the Fire and Police Departments are extremely important. Wednesday evening a community safety forum will be held at the Police Station and will be hosted by Police Chief Nix.  
Dr. Wilson named the twelve students selected from Curtis Middle School whose art will be on display in Boston at the State Transportation Building, adding that their work is amazing and it is fun to visit the art classrooms to see the creativity of the students.  
Ms. Hogan added that Chief Nix will also be addressing safety at the LS School Committee Meeting tomorrow night.

2. School Committee Reports [Liaison/Subcommittee Reports]

Richard Tinsley reported that he and Lisa Kouchakdjian attended the Fairbank Task Force Meeting; topics discussed were the timing of the moving of the Town offices and the use of the recreational facilities.

Ms. Hogan noted the Tri-District Meeting will be moved to the fall due to scheduling. Ms. Hogan asked that Committee Members reserve the April 24th meeting as a possible additional date for BOS discussions regarding a possible joint committee to advance our joint interests with Lincoln to explore options for better cooperation through the Districts, shared services across the Districts and changes in administrative and governance structures. Ms. Hogan noted this topic is currently on the April 9th agenda, but we should keep the April 24th date available as well.

Lucie St. George stated they will not be looking for a new Executive Director for the EDCO Program; they are looking at hiring a firm to get a broader scope.

3. Open Forum

Sarah Lieberman spoke about class sizes and the 65 students expected to enter Sudbury Schools from Meadowwalk which she believes will impact the Loring School. Ms. Lieberman requested this topic be added to an upcoming agenda.

4. Curriculum Night Presentation (Teaching and Learning, Student Services)

Assistant Superintendent Kim Swain began the Curriculum Night Presentation with a slideshow outlining the Mathematics, Science and Engineering, Technology Integration, Wellness, and Humanities curriculums, discussing not only what students are learning but how they are learning. Ms. Swain shared video clips showing examples of student collaboration. Other presenters were Health and Wellness Curriculum Coordinator, Betsy Grams; Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator, Karen Wolfson; Science Curriculum Specialist, Holly Estes; Elementary Technology Integration Specialist, Shannon Famigletti; and, Middle School Technology Integration Specialist, Liz Kerrigan. Ms. Swain recognized the excellent work of the literacy specialists, coaches, tutors and teachers.

Ms. Hogan thanked the presenters for their excellent work and Kim Swain for organizing this event stating it is great to recognize the wonderful things that are happening in the District. School Committee Members discussed the presentation, asked questions of the presenters and agreed that the presentation emphasized the tremendous work the teachers and staff are doing daily.

5. Superintendent Search Update

Ms. Hogan discussed the upcoming schedule for the Superintendent Finalist Community Forums: Tuesday, February 27th at Curtis Middle School, Mr. James Jolicoeur; Wednesday, February 28th at the Senior Center, Dr. Alexandra Montes McNeil; Thursday, March 1st at Curtis Middle School, Mr. Brad Crozier. The interviews by the School Committee will take place on Tuesday March 6th. Tuesday March 13th will be the Committee discussion and possible decision at the Senior Center. Ms. Hogan noted that School Committee Members may attend the Community Forums but if a quorum is present may not deliberate.

6. FY19 Budget Planning

Mr. Sawyer noted there will be revisions and updates to the FY19 budget which will need to be brought back to the Committee, such as the updated FY19 insurance cost; that amount will need to be adjusted when it comes in.

7. Legislative Forum

Ms. Kouchakdjian announced that the Legislative Forum will be held on March 27th at 6:00 PM; Representative Gentile and Senator Eldridge will be in attendance. The Legislators have indicated they would like to be informed of the topics the Committee would like to discuss beforehand. The Committee reviewed topic items for discussion which will include: school start time, school safety, METCO funding, and, additional support for Special Education funding.

8. Members' Forum

Ms. St. George requested that the Director of Student Services position be put on a future agenda. Dr. Wilson noted that she believes the new Superintendent should be involved in the search process.

Ms. Swain reminded everyone that it is Read Across America celebration and thanked the community volunteers as well as the Sudbury Senior Center as they begin training for the Senior Reading Buddies Program.

Ms. Kouchakdjian is looking forward to getting into the classrooms this week to read with the students during Read Across America.

9. Minutes- Regular Session Minutes (2/5/18, 2/14/18)

February 5, 2018 - Ms. Kouchakdjian made a motion to approve the minutes for February 5th. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion.

**Vote: 4-0-1. Motion carries.** (Ms. Helon abstained as she was not present for that meeting)

February 14, 2018 - Ms. Kouchakdjian made a motion to approve the minutes for February 14th. Ms. Helon seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0. Motion carries.**

10. Future Agenda Item Discussion

School Committee Members discussed future agenda items to include:

- ILAP/Professional Presentation
- BOS Members Presentation to School Committee
- Student Services / Special Education, having a more detailed presentation was discussed.
- Curriculum Night Presentation / State of the School formats versus in-school observation
- Meadowwalk projections / Class sizes - Dr. Wilson will be receiving an update from Avalon, will have information for March 27th meeting.

11. Executive Session- Not required.

12. Adjournment

Ms. St. George made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

**Vote: 4-0. Motion carries.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Clifford