

**Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)**  
**School Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 7, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**The Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Rd., Sudbury**

**Open Regular Session:**

Vice Chair Richard Tinsley opened the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Chair Christine Hogan (Arrived late), Richard Tinsley Vice Chair, Lucie St. George , Maggie Helon, Lisa Kouchakdjian.

**Also Present:**

Anne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, Kimberly A. Swain, Assistant Superintendent, Susan Rothermich, Director of Business and Finance, Amie Abda Khabir, SEA Representative.

**Acknowledgment of Ellen Winer-Joachim's School Committee Service:**

School Committee members recognized the accomplishments of Ms. Winer-Joachim during her tenure on the School Committee. Ms. Winer-Joachim was presented with her chair.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Wilson referenced the successful Odyssey trip, appreciation to Odyssey Team and volunteers. She further congratulated the instrumental band concert, and gave special recognition to Dr. Mealey. Dr. Wilson provided an update on music. Two fundamental things, preserve excellence and achieve equitable access. Designating a specific teacher for band and a specific teacher for orchestra and eliminated the TAAB block. Dr. Wilson announced the new METCO Director Sandra Walters. She also stated Ms. LaMontagne will be the Principal at Nixon Elementary School. Dr. Wilson announced the new Interim Director of Student Services Barbara Cataldo, and the new Director of Business and Finance Donald Sawyer.

The last Day of School Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Committee Reports Liaison/Subcommittee Reports:**

Chair Christine Hogan stated that the L-S School Committee had a meeting last Wednesday where they presented their results of the School Start Time survey.

### **Open Forum:**

Courtney Coile, 4 Axdell Road, Sudbury. Speaking on behalf of SED read and presented letter to the committee (Link), President of the Board of Sudbury Extended Day organization.

Mark Levy, 24 Aron Road, On the Board for SED. Families need to know where their kids are going to go. Not fair to the parents to be told in August about where kids will go.

Maia Projansky-Bell, 38 Lakewood Drive, Concerns about discussions in recent School Committee meetings. Concerned about elementary school and the 25% of kids leaving the classroom, what happens to the other 75% of the kids. Doesn't see why the elective cannot occur after school. SPS has been delinquent in maintaining user fees and what they should be. There is a lack of staffing and disciplinary policies. Bus monitors should be available on the buses.

### **Sudbury Public Schools Playgrounds (James Kelly):**

Jim Kelly present to discuss playgrounds. Accessibility issue is the concern. Always a struggle for funds. CPA eligible and a good funding source. Jim Kelly wants to keep the discussion going. He wants to be prepared for October Town Meeting. Jim will come back in early September to update the Committee on playgrounds.

### **SPS Administration Move to Nixon Elementary School (James Kelly):**

Richard Tinsley presents slides on SPS Offices and the Relocation Options for Consideration document dated June 2017. RT goes through the options for the relocation of SPS offices. RT discusses benefits of using Nixon. Jim Kelly has exhausted all possibilities for where to place SPS offices.

CH asked about current lease rates and lease-to-own options, specifically Union Ave. Jim Kelly to provide updated numbers.

### **Vote to Approve the Appointment of Director of Business and Finance:**

The School Committee voted to approve the Appointment of the new Director of Business and Finance Donald Sawyer.

LVK moved. RT Seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

### **Vote to Approve the Appointment of Interim Director of Student Services:**

The School Committee voted to approve the Appointment of Interim Director of Student Services Barbara Cataldo.

LVK moved. RT seconded. Motion approved 4-0 vote. CH-abstained.

### **School Committee Policy Manual Update:**

LVK discusses conversation with Michael Gilbert of the MASC. Cost of contracting with MASC is \$10,500 which can be paid over a three year period, \$3,500 per year.

RT—Motion to approve the \$10,500. Motion passed 3 (RT, MH, LVK voted in favor). Approval to move forward with the process. LSG and CH opposed motion. Both LSG and CH would have liked to postpone the motion until 6/20 into how we are going to pay for the updated policy and answers to questions SC raised. LVK will follow up.

LVK to call Michael Gilbert with follow up questions raised by Committee.

### **School Committee Meeting Calendar:**

School Committee discussed dates for upcoming meetings for FY17-18. Motion to approve calendar by CH. Seconded by LVK. Motion approved 5-0.

### **Open Forum:**

Suzie Kornblum, 22 Virginia Ridge Road, Sudbury. Has questions as a private citizen of the Town. Why can't the School Committee answer me during a meeting? Requesting an Agenda item for the 6/20/17 meeting regarding the RFP process.

Tim Maidment, 249 Horse Pond Road, supporting SED.

Courtney Coile, 4 Axdell Road, Sudbury. Concerned about the timing aspect of the SED issue. Stating that School Committee is operating under the assumption that it wants the increase to take place next year.

Jean Nam, 81 Newbridge Road, Addressing Nixon school addition project. Asking the School Committee to vote No on the Nixon building and not vote to put it to Town Meeting in the Fall. Not the time for schools to be asking for more money.

Nell Forgacs address—Construction of water district building will not impact the taxes.

## **Members' Forum:**

CH stated she filed two disclosures which are in the packets: 1 removing her from SED discussions and the other stating she stepped down as Chair of Curtis Friends of Music and is able to partake in music discussions.

RT—Reiterated the necessity for focus on trust.

MH—Agreed that trust is important.

## **Minutes:**

Tabled approval of minutes pending review of new draft by SC members.

LVK spoke with the Division of Open Government about the minutes. Recommendation is that we should not use Google Docs. Also recommendation that we should have a person present at the meeting taking the minutes.

RT—Benefits to having a remote person take the minutes.

## **Future Agenda Item Discussion:**

- SED issue
- Nixon PTO gift approval
- Anne's review
- Assabet Voc. Tech
- Water issue of testing
- Fees and schedule for those who should pay

**Motion to go into executive session by CH. Seconded by MH. Motion approved. 11:04 p.m.**

**Agenda Packet Documents:**

- Warner Larson Report to Jim Kelly dated April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017;
- A Proposal For Policy Manual Development from the MASC to the Sudbury School Committee;
- Draft SPSC 2017-2018 Meeting Calendar-Draft;
- Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest As Required by G.L. c. 268A, section 23(b)(3) by Christine Hogan dated May 19, 2017;
- Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest As Required By G.L. c. 268A, section 23(b)(3), undated by Christine Hogan;
- Draft Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2017;
- Draft Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2017;
- Draft Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2017