

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Silvia Nerssessian, Chair
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair
Nicole Burnard
Mandy Sim
Sarah Troiano

Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Kim Swain, Assistant Superintendent
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources
Drew Kelsey, SEA Representative

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Silvia Nerssessian opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Statement / Regular Session
 - a. Chair Silvia Nerssessian performed a roll call and made an announcement that the session is being recorded, shared live for the public to see and hear and there should be no expected right to privacy, as this is a public forum. Meredith Gerson, Nicole Burnard, Mandy Sim, Sarah Troiano and Silvia Nerssessian all affirmed in the positive.

2. Public Comment:
 - a. None

3. Educational and Operational Matters
 - a. District Reports
 - i. SEA Report (Drew Kelsey)
 1. Mr. Kelsey provided student updates within the district, including those in Kindergarten and Grade 3 who are studying life cycles for science. While eighth graders are getting ready to travel to Washington, DC, grade 4 students are continuing their work on team building by visiting Boundless Adventures.
 - ii. Director of Business and Human Resources Report

1. Mr. Sawyer reported that bus registrations continue to be received by the Transportation Department. To date, 992 registrations have been received. 661 at the elementary level and 327 at the middle school.
2. An update on the state budget was provided with the news that the House Ways and Means Committee raised Chapter 70 funding by 10% across the state and the minimum aid for special education students was raised from \$30 to \$60 per pupil. They also raised Special Education circuit breaker funding to fully fund circuit breaker reimbursement.
3. Clarifying questions from the Committee surrounded the cap amount on circuit breaker funds.

iii. Assistant Superintendent Report

1. Ms. Swain was recently a panelist with Tracey Benson on an online webinar. It was well attended with 250 participants and the topic was how to support and sustain anti-racist work.

iv. Superintendent's Report

1. A brief report was provided which included English MCAS exams have been completed and preparations for Town Meeting are underway. Mr. Crozier reminded the Committee that presentations are due by Friday.

4. Business and Policy Matters

a. Overview FY24 Budget / Override and Annual Town Meeting Articles

- i. Town Meeting is scheduled for May 1, May 2, May 3 and May 8th if necessary. Warrants have been mailed to all households in Sudbury and information is posted on the town's website.
- ii. Superintendent Crozier provided an overview on the procedures and plans for presenting at Town Meeting. He then reviewed the articles to be presented for consideration by Sudbury Public Schools and shared who will be presenting them.
- iii. Clarifying questions from the Committee surrounded how much time there was to present articles, in particular, the SPS budget. The Committee then discussed details to be included during the presentations and also confirmed that a Committee member that resides in Sudbury would be making the motions on the Town Meeting articles.

b. FY23 Q3 Budget Report

- i. Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the FY23 budget, including projections for the rest of the year that included line-by-line breakdowns of budget items and suggested transfers.

- ii. Clarifying questions from the Committee including how funds are moved from out of district transportation were asked as well as clarification on building maintenance costs and breakdown of teacher salaries being transferred.
- iii. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the Q3 Fiscal '23 budget transfers as presented. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
 - 1. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - a. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 - b. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - c. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - d. Sarah Troiano: Aye
 - e. Silvia Nerssessian: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion passes.
- c. ACCEPT Q3 Update
 - i. Mr. Crozier confirmed that as part of our Collaborative agreement, these updates are shared with the School Committee quarterly. Highlights included ACCEPT's expansion into professional development.
 - ii. Questions from the Committee included whether ACCEPT has been able to take over professional development with EDCO's closing and if any information on the literacy initiative can be provided.
- d. School Committee Self-Evaluation
 - i. The Committee reviewed and discussed the self-evaluation section by section and discussed the progress made to date. There was an opportunity for questions on each section and clarification was provided if needed.
- e. Monthly Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants Submission
 - i. No further action required by the Committee.
- f. Future Agenda Items
 - i. SEL and Equity Audits Updates are forthcoming.
 - ii. Chair Nerssessian is still working on securing a meeting with Legislators.
 - iii. The Committee decided together to put the School Committee Reorganization and Liaison Assignments on a May agenda.
 - iv. Other upcoming agenda items include the annual Superintendent report on May 22nd, discussions begin on June 5th to draft both the Superintendent and School Committee goals, and the Superintendent Evaluation will be presented at the June 26th meeting.
- g. Liaison Reports

- i. No liaison reports were provided. Chair Nerssessian will follow up with the Committee after the Finance Committee meets regarding positions taken on SC warrant articles.
 - h. Minutes (3/20/23 and 4/10/23)
 - i. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the Sudbury School Committee open session meeting minutes from the March 20, 2023 and April 10, 2023 meetings as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
 - 1. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - a. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 - b. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - c. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - d. Sarah Troiano: Aye
 - e. Silvia Nerssessian: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.
5. Adjournment
 - a. Chair Silvia Nerssessian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.
 - i. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - 1. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 - 2. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - 3. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - 4. Sarah Troiano: Aye
 - 5. Silvia Nerssessian: Aye
 - a. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the April 24, 2023 School Committee Meeting

1. FY23 YTD Budget Q3_230331
2. ACCEPT BoD Quarter Three 22-23
3. https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-d90gB5eix8Fxf_2F6LxKIYig_3D_3D
- (Password to Self Evaluation: Sudbury2023)
4. SC Meeting Warrant Summary - 041923
5. 032023_Sudbury School Committee Minutes_DRAFT
6. 041023_Sudbury School Committee Minutes_DRAFT