

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026

Members Present:

Jessica McCready, Chair
Betsy Sues, Vice Chair
Julie Durgin-Sicree
Karyn Jones
Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Annette Doyle, Assistant Superintendent

Absent:

Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources

Open Regular Session

Chair Jessica McCready opened the meeting. Betsy Sues, Julie Durgin-Sicree, Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco, Jessica McCready and Karyn Jones all confirmed their presence. Member Jones joined the meeting remotely.

1. Public Comment
 - a. None
2. Educational and Operational Matters
 - a. District Reports
 - i. Director of Business and Human Resources
 1. None. Mr. Sawyer was not present.
 - ii. Assistant Superintendent
 1. Tomorrow the LS Seniors are coming back for Alumni Day where they visit each of the elementary schools they attended, followed by a day of service on Wednesday.
 2. Curtis Middle School was represented by 16 students at the Mass Civics Challenge in Worcester.
 - iii. Superintendent
 1. End of year events such as Fun Runs, Art Shows, Global Spotlight, Field Days, 4E, elementary visits to the middle school and music concerts are all underway.
 2. Kindergarten Orientation is this Wednesday.
 3. HOPEsudbury is again partnering with SPS on the annual backpack drive.
 - a. Anti-Hate/Anti-Bias Task Force Update

- i. Superintendent Crozier shared an update on the work the Task Force has completed to date.
- ii. Questions from the committee surrounded whether the Task Force or a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would be the correct approach, if meeting schedules could accommodate new member Lederer-DeFrancesco, how school climate data and feedback would be reviewed moving forward, and the steps followed when an incident is reported.

3. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes (04/13/2026)
- b. Additional space request Sudbury Extended Day
- c. FY27 Washington, D.C. Trip approval
 - i. A question related to the SED space request memo and procedure related to securing space was asked.
 - 1. Vice Chair Betsy Sues motioned to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Julie Durgin-Sicree seconded the motion.
 - a. ROLL CALL VOTE:
 - i. Betsy Sues: Aye
 - ii. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
 - iii. Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco: Aye
 - iv. Karyn Jones: Aye
 - v. Jessica McCready: Aye
 - 1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.

4. Business and Policy Matters

- a. 2026-2027 Committee Expectations, Practices and Meeting Norms
 - i. The Committee reviewed standards for adding future agenda items, agenda packet preparation and community communication protocols, and policy items. Clarification was also provided regarding future agenda items.
 - 1. Vice Chair Betsy Sues motioned to reaffirm our commitment to remain respectful of School Committee norms and processes as discussed in the June 1st, 2026 meeting. Julie Durgin-Sicree seconded the motion.
 - a. ROLL CALL VOTE:
 - i. Betsy Sues: Aye
 - ii. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
 - iii. Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco: Aye
 - iv. Karyn Jones: Aye
 - v. Jessica McCready: Aye
 - 1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.
- b. FY27 School Committee Meeting Schedule Updates
 - i. Modifications to the FY27 proposed schedule were discussed and approved with a request to have agenda packets available earlier.
 - 1. Vice Chair Betsy Sues motioned to approve the Committee Meeting Schedule as amended. Julie Durgin-Sicree seconded the motion.

a. ROLL CALL VOTE:

- i. Betsy Sues: Aye
- ii. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
- iii. Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco: Aye
- iv. Karyn Jones: Aye
- v. Jessica McCready: Aye

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

c. Appointment of members to the FY28 Budget Working Group

- i. The Committee discussed appointing members to the working group.
- ii. Vice Chair Betsy Sues motioned to appoint Karyn Jones and Betsy Sues to the Town Budget Working Group. Julie Durgin-Sicree seconded the motion.

1. ROLL CALL VOTE:

- a. Betsy Sues: Aye
- b. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
- c. Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco: Aye
- d. Karyn Jones: Aye
- e. Jessica McCready: Aye

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

d. Begin discussion on 2026-2027 School Committee Goals

- i. Each School Committee member had an opportunity to share ideas for future School Committee goals. Suggested focus areas included community and family engagement, academic achievement and student supports, student well-being and belonging, specialist and STEM opportunities, fiscal stewardship, long-term budget planning, two-way communication, AI policy guidelines, and gaining a deeper understanding of the student academic and wellness experience.
- ii. A suggestion to include the Superintendent Search was recommended.
- iii. The Committee will continue to work on defining their goals in future meetings.

e. Committee Communication Strategies

- i. The Committee engaged in discussion about how to improve communication with the community.
- ii. An interest in consolidating communications was shared with future discussions planned.

f. Approval of Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Fees

- i. Mr. Sawyer's fee recommendations were included in the agenda packet. The Committee reviewed the proposed student athletic and club fees and discussed concerns regarding the number of clubs not meeting the minimum student participation.
- ii. Questions surrounded scholarship availability, the process for creating new clubs, advisor compensation and lowest club enrollment data. Members also discussed whether clubs should follow the same minimum student requirements as athletics.
- iii. In the absence of Don Sawyer, the Committee decided to bring the club fees to a future agenda for a vote.

1. Vice Chair Betsy Sues motioned to approve the athletic fees as presented. Julie Durgin-Sicree seconded the motion.
 - a. ROLL CALL VOTE:
 - i. Betsy Sues: Aye
 - ii. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
 - iii. Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco: Aye
 - iv. Karyn Jones: Aye
 - v. Jessica McCready: Aye
 1. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.
5. Future Agenda Items
 - a. A member requested to discuss a Jewish PAC vs. Task Force.
6. Adjournment
 - a. Vice Chair Betsy Sues motioned to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Julie Durgin-Sicree seconded.
 - i. ROLL CALL VOTE:
 1. Betsy Sues: Aye
 2. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
 3. Ellen Lederer-DeFrancesco: Aye
 4. Karyn Jones: Aye
 5. Jessica McCready: Aye
 - a. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the June 1, 2026 School Committee Meeting

1. 06012026 Anti hate/Bias Initial Progress Report
2. 041326_Sudbury School Committee Minutes_DRAFT
3. SED_FY27 Additional Space Rent Agreement_Haynes_260527
4. SED_FY27 Additional Space Rent Agreement_Loring_260527
5. SC proposal on letterhead 2026
6. SchoolCommitteeHandbook_Updated_March22026
7. Item4a_060126.docx
8. School Committee Meeting Schedule FY27 (1)
9. GarofaloEmail_051926
10. FINAL-2025-2026 School Committee Goals Working Document (1)
11. Mockup
12. Memo_SC_FY27 FeeRecommendation_Athletics and Clubs_260424

Additional Documents Reviewed

1. scan_joyced_2026-02-26-09-23-44 (1)
2. SPS Communications (2)
3. TPG_Weston Communications Audit_260123-1
4. TPG_Weston Invoice 260213 (1)
5. Weston Inv 26-050 EDComm 2026 03 31

6. WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS Contract_Perry Group_ (1) - signed