

**Sudbury Public Schools  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
School Committee Special Meeting  
Wednesday May 2, 2012  
Fairbank Senior Center**

**Present:** Jeff Beeler, Chairman; Susan Iuliano, Vice Chairperson  
Dr. Rich Robison, Lisa Gutch, Ellen Winer Joachim

**Also Present:** Dr. Anne Wilson, Superintendent; Dr. Judy Malone Neville, Assistant Superintendent;  
Mary Will, Director of Business and Finance

**Open Session**

Jeff Beeler called the Open Session to order at 7:36 p.m. The meeting was taped for public access broadcast.

**1. FY13 Budget Update**

Town Meeting Planning

Mike Melnick, of the Permanent Building Committee (PBC), reported that school repair projects outlined in Town Meeting Warrant Articles 17, 18, and 19, have not been reviewed and approved by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The projects are slated for the June 2012 MSBA agenda. Mr. Melnick stated that the Board of Selectmen wishes to move Article 19 (capital roof repairs) to September 2012. Mr. Melnick suggested that roof repairs could be made over the summer, using savings from the Noyes Green Repair project. Mr. Melnick plans to convene the PBC and consult with Town Counsel prior to Town Meeting. He noted that a September 2012 Special Town Meeting to consider building maintenance issues was discussed by the Selectmen. He asked if the School Committee is willing to request that money left over from the Noyes project be used for maintenance of other school buildings. Mr. Melnick will confer with Town Counsel to determine if this proposal falls within Article 19. The Committee affirmed its support for the proposal.

Susan Iuliano reported that State revenue in the amount of \$475,000 must be apportioned between SPS and LS. Although no decision was made, the Finance Committee discussed giving LS the entire amount because of its shortfall. The calculation of the Lincoln and Sudbury portions of the LS budget changed in January, the result of a court decision. Sudbury is due \$165,528 from Lincoln, which would go to LS. Sudbury's responsibility to LS would be reduced by this amount. Ms. Iuliano stated that the Committee will need to assess its position at some point.

Superintendent Wilson discussed the Town Meeting presentation. She noted that there might be more money available to the District from employees who opt out of the GIC health plan. Mary Will reported that the District FTE increased by 0.5 over what was submitted to the Finance Committee. Susan Iuliano emphasized that the FTE as submitted was down by 1.5.

Both Jeff Beeler and Susan Iuliano recommended including a slide outlining District needs. Ms. Iuliano also commented that the Committee might be asked to take a position on the land conservation article. Rich Robison noted that historically, the Committee has not taken a position on such articles.

Jeff Beeler commented that this is the final meeting before Town Meeting. He praised the quality of the people in the system and those who have served on the Committee. Mr. Beeler called his service on the Committee "challenging, rewarding, and sometimes frustrating." He thanked both Dr. Brackett and Dr. Wilson for their leadership. He highlighted some of the

achievements over the last six years: ILAP, redistricting, closing the achievement gap, improved education for targeted student populations, cost- and job-savings realized through negotiations with the SEA, maintenance of low class sizes, the Noyes Green Repair project, and the anti-bullying initiative. Mr. Beeler acknowledged Susan Iuliano's leadership during her tenure as Committee Chairperson.

**2. Adjourn**

**VOTED:** On a motion by Jeff Beeler, seconded by Ellen Joachim, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining, as discussion in Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee, not to return to Open Session. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The time was 8:58 p.m.

Yes Jeff Beeler  
Yes Susan Iuliano  
Yes Rich Robison  
Yes Lisa Gutch  
Yes Ellen Winer Joachim

Submitted by Sheila Cusolito, Recording Secretary