

Sudbury School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2020  
Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:**

Silvia Nerssessian, Chair  
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair  
Maggie Helon  
Lisa Kouchakdjian  
Sarah Troiano

**Members Absent:**

None

**Also Present:**

Brad Crozier, Superintendent  
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Finance  
Kim Swain, Assistant Superintendent

**Regular Session Meeting**

Chair Silvia Nerssessian opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

1. Meeting Open
  - 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. Silvia Nerssessian, Meredith Gerson, Sarah Troiano, Maggie Helon, and Lisa Kouchakdjian all affirmed in the positive.
2. Proposed FY22 Budget Work Session
  - a. Superintendent Brad Crozier, Assistant Superintendent Kim Swain, Director of Student Services Stephanie Juriansz and Assistant Director of Student Services Jeffrey Lappin presented budget information for the Student Services and Curriculum Instruction and Technology departments.
  - b. Key discussion points for Student Services included a budget increase in projections for translation services, a decrease in home-based services, a large increase for extended school year services anticipated due to COVID impacts, a significant bump in special education equipment for testing but a decrease for testing itself, a recommendation to decrease the student services budget overall by \$212,000, an overview of grant funding, new Tier 1 budget initiatives, and radar district comparison data.

- c. Committee questions centered on the Loring ABA tutor purpose, if the ELL increase is supported by enrollment projections, clarification on contracted services vs consultative services, anticipated circuit breaker for FY22, circuit breaker timing, request for a budget timeline document, and circuit breaker reimbursement for in-district programs.
- d. Key discussion points for Curriculum Instruction and Technology included an ask for a \$135,000 increase over FY21, an increase in projected salary stipends, an overview of the tuition reimbursement program, a savings on SEI PD spending that is reallocated toward world language review, curriculum supplies and computer software increases, a closer balance of operational and instructional software costs, a review of RADAR DESE comparables, network updates including improved wifi in some areas of the schools, an increase in the new equipment budget mainly due to the elementary replacement cycle, available grant funding, and SERF funding.
- e. Committee questions centered on where support for engineering falls in the budget, what is contained in universal screening assessments, comparable per pupil cost differences, who initiated curriculum reviews, contractual agreement details, walkthrough of universal screening use, \$142k science increase rationale, grade levels for new primary sources, and world language review logistics.

#### Adjournment

- a. Sarah Troiano motioned to adjourn at 8:36 PM., Lisa Kouchakdjian seconded.
  - i. ROLL CALL VOTE
    - 1. Meredith Gerson: Aye
    - 2. Maggie Helon: Aye
    - 3. Lisa Kouchakdjian: Aye
    - 4. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
    - 5. Sarah Troiano: Aye
  - a. **VOTE: 5-0.** Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Justin Dulak

#### **Documents Reviewed During the December 10, 2020 School Committee Meeting**

- 1. Curriculum and Instruction FY22 Budget Presentation
- 2. Student Services FY22 Budget Presentation