

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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 7:07 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. Public Comment
 - a. None
3. Capital Projects Update
 - a. Superintendent Crozier and Bill Barletta discussed options for the Loring Playground- a switchback and a cafeteria walkway. They provided cost estimates, noting that the switchback is significantly less expensive.
 - b. Committee questions centered on switchback location, path slope regulations, regrading options, necessity of handrails, consultant assessments, public access to both playground levels, access from the school for both playgrounds, reasoning behind two levels for playground, ADA compliance concerns, potential safety issues, and potential for CPC funding.
4. Superintendent's Proposed FY22 Budget Presentation

- a. Superintendent Crozier introduced the principals of the different schools and invited them to discuss significant initiatives for their schools.
- b. Jeff Mela of Curtis Middle School updated the committee on the need for tiered general education supports, additional custodians (currently have 3 but need 5), a number theory class (.2 position), increased speech and language services, a grade 8 math teacher (.2 position), and the Track my Progress program.
- c. Jeff LaBroad of Haynes Elementary spoke to the committee on key initiatives, such as prioritizing technology upkeep, building substitutes, and class size.
- d. Sara Harvey of Loring Elementary updated the committee on remote and hybrid engagement, custodial increases for future years, need for tiered general education service positions, the need for an ABA tutor, request for a school support specialist, and technology needs.
- e. Susan Woods of Nixon Elementary spoke to the committee about budgetary needs for materials costs, foundations rollout, increase in professional development implementation, especially specialist coaching.
- f. Annette Doyle of Noyes Elementary updated the committee on the need for custodial increases, interventionist/literacy support request, permanent building subs, and the potential for more personalized education.
- g. Committee questions centered on longer term priorities and recent accomplishments.

Adjournment

- a. Lisa Kouchakdjian motioned to adjourn at 8:53 PM., Meredith Gerson 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 14, 2020 School Committee Meeting

1. Walkway Improvements, Israel Loring Elementary School
2. Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost: Add Alternate #1, Walkway Connection
3. Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost: Walkway Improvements
4. Add Alternate #1: Driveway, Parking, and Sidewalk Resurfacing (Loring School Switchback Site Plans)
5. 2021-2022 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation