

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Silvia Nerssessionian, 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

Special Session Meeting

Chair Silvia Nerssessionian opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

1. Executive Session

- a. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian 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 Nerssessionian, Meredith Gerson, Sarah Troiano, and Lisa Kouchakdjian all affirmed in the positive.
- b. Silvia Nerssessionian motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with union personnel, specifically the Sudbury Education Association, as to do so in open session would be detrimental to the District; and discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for EDCO's potential litigation, because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Committee; and to return to Open Session, Meredith Gerson seconded.
 - i. ROLL CALL VOTE
 1. Meredith Gerson: Aye
 2. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
 3. Sarah Troiano: Aye
 4. Lisa Kouchakdjian: Aye

a. VOTE: 4-0. Motion carries.

2. Special Matters

a. Return from Executive Session

- i. Chair Silvia Nerssesian noted that the Committee returned from the Executive Session at 7:02 PM. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian 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. All members affirmed in the positive.

2. Public Comment

a. None

3. Superintendent's FY22 Budget Presentation

- a. Superintendent Brad Crozier presented his proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. Notable discussion points included how the budget building process occurs, FY22 NESDEC enrollment projections and COVID impacts, additional sections for elementary schools and two fewer homerooms at Curtis, base budget initiatives (including an assistant technology director, tech replacements, online subscriptions, and world language curriculum review), priority items (including 3 custodians, a Loring school support specialist, an ABA tutor, and 3 .2 FTE positions), FY22 primary cost drivers- steps/lanes, COLA, priority additions, and total SPS benefits, breakdown by function code and object code, non-operating funding sources, and FY22 expenditure forecast with other funding sources included.
- c. Committee questions included rationale behind grade focus for regression, clarification around tiered support, potential support for other grades, role of retained FTEs at the middle school, changes made to address needs across different grade levels, and potential state support in FY22 for Covid impacts.

Adjournment

- d. Lisa Kouchakdjian motioned to adjourn at 7:58 PM., Sarah Troiano 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 15, 2020 School Committee Meeting

1. Superintendent's Proposed FY22 Budget

