

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. Harding, Mr. Price, Ms. Turkel, Ms. Walser, Mayor Sullivan

Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Presentation of the Records

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Walser, the Minutes of the following meeting were accepted as presented:

- Regular Meeting - December 17, 2002

Public Comment on School Committee Agenda

The following individuals were heard:

- Barbara Corbett, Fernald Drive
- Patty Nolan, Huron Ave.
- Bruce Leslie-Pritchard
- Jose Wendell, Cambridge St.
- Louise Domenitz, Chilton St.
- Serenella Sferza, Huron Ave.
- Bonnie Ryan, Belmont St.
- Debbie Pugash Kernochan, Shepard St.
- Dr. Daphne Rolf, Donnell St.
- Neela DeZrysa, Shepard St.
- Margaret Hallissey, Aberdeen Ave.

The Chair declared a five-minute recess.

Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

The time for recess having expired, the Chair reconvened the meeting.

- Carol Bundy
- Bob Binstock, Hamilton St.
- Lois Stanley, Vassal Lane
- C. Perry, CRLS student
- Richard Schooler, Ellsworth Ave.
- Beth McCann, Clarendon Ave.
- Elena Soporta, Ellery St.
- Ilene Span, Gray St.
- John Kernochan, Shepard St.

- Arlene Holtzman, Prentiss St.
- Ann Marie Michel, Prentiss St.
- Dennis Friedler, Cpl. McTernan St.
- Jim Iffland, Franklin St.
- Mary Mailing, Lexington Ave.
- Ruth Landau-Hoffeld, Pemberton Terrace
- Dan Hunter, Winslow St.
- Tom Rawson, Clay St.
- Serene (Zarrin) Foster, Putnam Ave.
- Elizabeth Sternberg, Cushing St., read statement for L. DeLis
- Rob Emslie, Avon Hill St.
- Chris Doyle, RC Kelly St.
- John Rutter, Walden St.
- Mary Bardwell, Regent St.
- Douglas Lange, Whittier St.
- Kevin Yin, Athens St.
- Roger Michel, Prentiss St.

Mr. Grassi was heard and requested that the record show that Mr. Michel is referring to the Interim Superintendent, not the Deputy Superintendent.

- Anna Nava, Holworthy St.
- Ned Rice, Aberdeen Ct., Peabody Teacher/Parent
- Odile Xenopoulos, Highland Ave., Peabody Parent
- Alissa DuBois, Fayerweather, St., Peabody Parent
- Matthew Hodges, Reed St., Peabody Parent
- Cheryl Kennedy, Lopez St.
- Gail S. Gabrior, Seagrove Road
- Holly E. Mochavak, Linnaean St.

On a motion by Mr. Harding, seconded by Ms. Walser, it was voted to close Public Comment.

Reports and/or Comments from Student School Committee Members: None

Superintendent's Consent Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Ms. Turkel, on the following roll call, Superintendent's Recommendations #03-042 through #03-048 were adopted:

#03-042, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel for LINDA RINGS, Teacher, in an amount not to exceed \$900.00, to attend the Core Knowledge Conference, in Phoenix, Arizona, March 6 - 8, 2003.

#03-043, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel for LENORE PRUESER, Director Family Resource Center, in an amount not to exceed \$905.00, to attend the Homes for the Homeless Conference, in New York, New York, April 4 - 5, 2003.

#03-044, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel for GAIL STEIN, Consultant, in an amount not to exceed \$999.02, to attend the College Board Annual Meeting, in Atlanta, Georgia, October 30 - November 2, 2002.

#03-045, Special Needs Contracts for Educational Services not available from the Cambridge School Department: that the School Committee award a contract to the institutions named below in the amount not to exceed the shown rates, having been approved by the State Rate Setting Commission, funds to be provided from the general fund budget.

1 contract	Bay Cove Human Services, Inc., 66 Canal Street, Boston;	\$31,951.56
3 contracts	Boston Public Schools, 26 Court Street, Boston;	64,249.20
2 contracts	EDCO Collaborative, 20 Kent Street, Brookline;	56,842.16
1 contract	Gifford School, 177 Boston Post Road, Weston;	29,480.85
1 contract	Harbor Schools, Inc., 26 Rolfes Lane, Newbury;	13,440.96
1 contract	Home for Little Wanderers, 271 Huntington Avenue, Boston;	58,589.07
1 contract	Judge Baker Children's Center, Blackfan Circle, Boston;	35,481.05
3 contracts	Kennedy Day School, 30 Warren Street, Brighton;	113,424.00
<u>2 contracts</u>	New England Pediatric Care, 78 Boston Road, North Billerica.	<u>98,063.38</u>
15 contracts		\$501,522.23

#03-046, Consultant Agreements: that the School Committee approve consultant agreements with the following companies or individuals as indicated, in the amounts set forth, funds to be provided as shown:

1. Rawhl Adams, Cambridge, in the amount of \$7,000.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 849226, prog. 226;
2. Children's Museum, Boston, in the amount of \$22,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03743;
3. Education, Inc., Plymouth, in the amount of \$5,000.00, account 53201, fund 15000, org. 830251, prog. 251;
4. Lesley University, Cambridge, in the amount of \$18,000.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 852335, prog. 335;
5. Melissa McConville, Somerville, in the amount of \$5,460.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 852335, prog. 335;
6. New England Conservatory, Boston, in the amount of \$10,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 846130, prog. 130, project/grant SC03695;
7. Research for Better Teaching, Acton, in the amount of \$12,000.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 861825, prog. 825;
8. Joseph Toomey, South Boston, in the amount of \$6,150.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 896870, prog. 870;
9. Young People Project, inc., Cambridge, in the amount of \$22,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03743.

#03-047, Service Agreements: that the School Committee approve agreements with the following individual as indicated, in the amount set forth, funds to be provided as shown:

1. Frances, Bonacci, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 819138, prog. 138, project/grant SC03604.

#03-048, Grant Awards, FY02-03: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant awards named below in the amounts and for the periods indicated:

1. Fitzgerald, Lingos Family Foundation Grant, project/grant SC03749, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for the period of March 12, 2003 to June 30, 2003. These funds will be used for a Student Support Instructional Leader/Music Therapist who will work with students, teachers and specialists to enhance their visual motor and language skills through music therapy. Specific duties will be to demonstrate ways to approach skill development through music for students with Special Needs; to show teachers how to integrate the use of music therapy with the curriculum and other related services. Also the grant will be used to hire City Sprouts staff who will work directly with teachers and students to show how the Outdoor Garden Space can be applied to the curriculum.
2. State Assessment Program, project/grant SC03750, in the amount of \$4,697.00, for the period of September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003. The Department of Education instructed each school district in the Commonwealth to test all English Language Learners using the Language Assessment Scales/Reading & Writing (LAS-R/W), and the Massachusetts English Language Assessment-Oral (MELA-O). Non-Competitive grant funds were offered to districts to offset the expense of test materials and scoring for the LAS R/W.
3. Mental Health Support, project/grant SC03751, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for the period of September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003. Connecting young children and their families with appropriate mental health resources, with an emphasis on looking at what changes need to occur from a systemic point of view to reduce the barriers to accessing these resources.
4. Early Childhood Training, project/grant SC03752, in the amount of \$3,500.00, for the period of September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003. This grant will support the early childhood community (public schools, community-based child care/preschool programs and Head Start) has worked together (or not) to plan early childhood curriculum that ensures continuity and provides children with a solid foundation for kindergarten.

Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mr. Price YEA, Ms. Turkel YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Sullivan YEA.

Reconsideration of Votes Taken at Previous Meeting: None

Unfinished Business

School Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Mr. Harding, on the following roll call items #1 and #2 were adopted:

#1, Invoice for \$1,395.68 from Editorial Projects in Education, Inc. for Superintendent ad in the March 12, 2003 issue of "Education Week".

#2, Letter from State Representative Alice Wolf dated March 27, 2003 re: FY04 State budget and local aid.

Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mr. Price YEA, Ms. Turkel YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA,
Mayor Sullivan YEA.

On a motion by Ms. Turkel, seconded by Mr. Harding, it was voted to adjourn (8:25 p.m.)

Adjourned
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee