

April 11, 2002

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis M. Sullivan called a Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole Meeting of the School Committee to order in the auditorium of the East Somerville Community School at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the 2002 Goals and Objectives and Future Space Considerations.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present were Ms. Cardoso, Ms. Murray, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Harris, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Rossetti, and Chairman Sullivan.

Mayor Gay and Alderman White were absent.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Albert F. Argenziano, and approximately 23 members of the audience.

**III. FUTURE SPACE CONSIDERATIONS**

Dr. Argenziano provided an overview of future space issues concerning two programs specifically, the Two Way UNIDOS Bilingual Program and the CHOICE Program. Much discussion followed.

MOTION: Ms. Murray made a motion, seconded by Ms. Taylor, to move the Two Way UNIDOS Bilingual Program to the Edgerly Education Center for the 2003-2004 school year and the motion was approved by a roll call vote of: Yes—7—Cardoso, Murray, Bauer, Harris, Taylor, Rossetti and Sullivan; Absent—2—Gay and White.

Dr. Argenziano advised that a decision regarding future space issues relative to the CHOICE Program would be finalized before October 1, 2002.

**IV. SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2002 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Discussion took place relative to the mutually shared Goals of the Superintendent of Schools and the Somerville School Committee from January to December 31, 2001. The following is a list of these mutual goals for not only this school year, but for future school years. They are marked as follows:

Recommendations:

#1 – Immediately 2002-2003

#2 – Within 24 months 2003-2004

#3 – Within 36 months 2004-2005

\$ - Any item that is listed below #1, #2 or #3 that needs funding

**IV. 2002 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (cont.)**

**A. School Committee Goals & Objectives**

**1. Dennis M. Sullivan, Chairman:**

- \$ #1 School Technology Needs
- #1 Complete new Edgerly School on time
- \$ #1 Renovations to the old Edgerly School
- #1 Communicate school committee concerns and needs more effectively to the city CFO, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen
- #1 Examine Equity Problem in schools

**2. Mary Jo Rossetti, Vice Chairperson, Ward VII**

- \$ #1 School Technology Needs
- \$ #2 Powder House Community School/Brown School Long Range Plans
- #2 Cummings School Long Range Plans
- \$ #1 Discussion of Extending the School Year (hours/minutes)
- #1 Improving Guidance Department at SHS

**3. M. Teresa Cardoso, Ward II**

- #1 Possible Middle School Model, Grades 5-8
- #1 Improving Guidance Department at SHS – additional clerical help, have a guidance counselor in each cluster
- #1 Lincoln Park Community School Re-construction Process
- \$ #1 After School Program/After School Day Care

**4. Roberta Bauer, Ward III**

- #1 LRPC – look at the size of all programs within the city
- #1 Improving Test Scores – increasing number of students going on to college
- #1 Reducing Drop Out Rate
- #1 SHS Cluster Program – assigning guidance counselors by clusters
- \$ #3 Housing clusters together

**5. Charlene F. Harris, Ward IV**

- #1 Improving Guidance Department at SHS
- \$ #1 School Technology Needs
- #1 Possible Middle School Model, Grades 5-8

**IV. 2002 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (cont.)**

**A. School Committee Goals & Objectives (cont.)**

**6. Katrina K. Murray, Ward V**

- #1 Possible Middle School Model, Grades 5-8
- #1 Improving Teacher Demographics – perception, quality, leadership
- \$ #1 Work at the Brown School
- \$ #1 Budget Reform/Technology – Ms. Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Supt.
- #1 Asset Management Training – Ms. Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Supt.
- #1 Task Force – Dr. Steven F. Jenkins, District Admin. For Student Services
- #1 Personnel: Hiring/Retirements, 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher salary incentives: Anthony C. Caliri, Human Resources Manager

**7. Carolyn Taylor, Ward VI**

- \$ #1 Improve the quality of SHS. Presently, does not meet the needs of staff and students. Possible re-organization of staff and additional staff; re-construction of SHS
- #1 Examine Enrollment – higher completion rates, fewer suspensions
- #1 Improving Test Scores – increasing number of students going on to college
- \$ #1 After School Programs
- #1 Promoting and Improving Bilingual Education
- #1 Increasing the income for the schools by lobbying, etc.

**8. Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gray (submitted: 4-22-02)**

- #1 Modify the school budget to meet fiscal constraints imposed upon the city
- \$ #1 Review the number of administrators employed by the School Department
- #1 Evaluate class sizes in all grades
- \$ #1 Return regular Education Adjustment Counselor to the High School

**V. CENTRAL OFFICE 2002 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Goals for Central Office

- 1) To complete the Edgerly Education Center building project
- 2) To finalize plans for the newly constructed Lincoln Park Community School
- 3) To finalize plans for the feasibility study of Somerville High School
- 4) To continue our improvement on MCAS tests
- 5) To finalize plans for the two-way Bilingual program and Choice program as it pertains to leadership and housing issues

V. **CENTRAL OFFICE 2002 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (cont.)**

**Dr. Steven F. Jenkins, District Administrator for Student Services**

- 6) ? To continue to supervise the Parent Information Center and assign students in an effective and efficient manner
  - ? To continue to utilize the Parent Information Center Review recommendations to improve communication with families, school staff and the community
- 7) ? To continue to work with members of the Community Based Justice System to the benefit of the school system and with Project Alliance in planning, implementing and offering workshops and programs that are beneficial to the school department
  - ? To continue to work with the Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge and Somerville Hospitals, and the Somerville Board of Health in the development and implementation of an improved health survey
- 8) To continue to work with all parties concerned to assure success as it relates to the School Fair, Kindergarten Registration, Kindergarten Transition Day, the Career and Jobs Fair, and the College Fair

**Mr. Anthony C. Caliri, Human Resources Manager**

- 9) To continue to enhance our 'on line' presence
- 10) To recruit and maintain a pool of teacher applicants for future openings

**Ms. Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration**

- 11) To complete the FY2002 school year within budget
- 12) To complete the Somerville High School Technology Project
- 13) To provide a long-term Capital Improvements Framework for the School Department
- 14) To develop a fiscally responsible and educationally sound FY2003 budget

**Mr. Robert A. Snow, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction**

- 15) To complete the four major Benchmarks projects for English, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics for Grades K-8
- 16) To complete the entire cycle associated with the new reading series:
  - A) Selection through Reading Council process
  - B) Negotiation with vendor
  - C) Purchase within FY '03 and '04
  - D) Professional development for Grades K-3

Chairman Sullivan advised that the FY03 budget would continue to be discussed at Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole meetings on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall and on Monday, April 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., at the central office conference room at 181 Washington Street.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary