

FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS  
School Committee Minutes



January 8, 2019  
Administration Building  
Upstairs Conference Room  
6:00PM

Members Present:	
Terri Medeiros, Chair	John Furnari (Absent)
Kelly Welch, Vice-Chair	Andrea Thorrold
Melissa Keefe, Secretary	Lori Duerr, Superintendent
Leah Palmer	Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent
Meghan Fleck	
Bill Rider	
Natalie Kanellopoulos	Ryan Bray, The Bulletin (Press)
Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary	Steve Withrow, The Enterprise (Press)

**Open Meeting**

HEARD Terri Medeiros open the meeting at 6:15 PM.

HEARD the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to MOVE into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss a collective bargaining issue. SECONDED by Kelly Welch. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous

HEARD Terri Medeiros reconvene to Open Session at 6:41 PM

READ "Taping of the Meeting" statement.

**Public Comment**

NONE

HEARD Melissa Keefe read quotes from the student "fishbowl."

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission Statement.

**ACT on \$500 Donation from EXXON for Science Department**

HEARD Chris Brothers, Science Department Head, request that the School Committee accept this annual donation. Ms. Brothers stated that two parents of high school students work at Exxon and apply for this grant through the EXXON Educational Alliance. This year the money will be used for supplies for the STEM Labs at the High School.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to accept the EXXON donation. SECONDED by Bill Rider. Brief Discussion. **UNANIMOUS.**

**ACT on \$5000.00 donation from anonymous donors for the Science Department**

HEARD Chris Brothers request that the School Committee accept these two \$2,500 donations from a parent and their employer. The money this year will be used for electronic balances, hot plates and grow lights. MOTION to accept two \$2,500 donations by Melissa Keefe. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. **UNANIMOUS.**

**ACT on Model United Nations Conference to New York City**

HEARD Bill Mock, Spanish Teach at FHS, request permission to take 12 students to New York City on January 17-20,<sup>th</sup> 2019 to the Model United Nations Conference at Columbia University Morningside Heights Campus. Students will be housed at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to approve the UN field trip. SECONDED Meghan Fleck. Discussion.

Approval pending the following:

1. Medically approved forms on file for all students
2. Chaperone must be fingerprinted (if in the policy manual) and CORI'd.

**UNANIMOUS with pending items.**

**ACT on Falmouth High School Field Bid**

HEARD Dr. Duerr thank the Field Advisory Committee for their involvement and assistance through the whole process. The bid enclosed in your packet tonight is from January 3, 2019 for the rest of the project including the press box. There were four (4) bids. Green Acres was the company with the lowest bid. CDM vetted the vendor and all references came back excellent. We recommend that the school committee accept Green Acres as the contractor for the Falmouth High School Athletic Field. MOTION by Leah Palmer to accept the base bid and the alternate bid (basketball court renovations). Bill Rider SECONDED. Discussion. **UNANIMOUS.**

**ACT on Lawrence School Tennis Courts Project funded by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) in the amount of \$310,000**

HEARD Mr. Olenick, Recreation Director, review the proposed project, which would include new tennis courts as well as Pickle Ball courts. This facility will be used by senior citizens, students and the public. Due to the proximity of the Lawrence School, Mr. Olenick will work around school hours. He is anticipating that the project will be completed by mid-summer. Two students from the Lawrence School Student Warrant Committee (Chris LaRosa and Lilli Feronti) spoke in favor of the project as well as Athletic Director Kathleen Burke. MOTION by Leah Palmer to endorse the Lawrence School Tennis Court Project funded by the CPC. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. Discussion. **UNANIMOUS.**

HEARD Dr. Duerr and Dr. Tellier report on the *Spring 2018 MCAS Results Accountability, Achievement & Growth*. The following outline summarizes the PowerPoint Dr. Duerr reviewed:

**Accountability**

- a. Rationale
- b. Accountability Indicators
- c. Weighting of Indicators

- d. Weighting of Cohorts
- e. Lowest Performing Cohort
- f. Targets
- g. How We Fared
- h. Categorization of Schools
- i. Percentile Categorizations
- j. Target Percentage Calculation – District
- k. Summary

HEARD Dr. Tellier continue the presentation using the following outline:

**Achievement**

- a. Next Generation MCAS
- b. New Achievement Level

**Achievement & Growth ELA**

- a. Achievement Summary
- b. Achievement by Subgroup
- c. Growth Summary ELA
- d. ELA: Achievement v. Growth

**Achievement & Growth Math**

- a. Achievement Summary
- b. Achievement by Subgroup
- c. Growth Summary
- d. Mathematics: Achievement v Growth

**Achievement – Science, Technology & Engineering**

- a. Achievement Summary

**Success Stories**

- a. ELA
- b. Math
- c. More about Elementary

Question and answer session followed the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent’s presentation.

HEARD Superintendent Duerr present a Mid-Cycle Progress Report on the following goals:

1. Effective Entry Plan and Direction Setting
2. Maintain Momentum During Transition
3. Participate in New Superintendent Induction Program

Question and answer session followed Dr. Duerr’s presentation.

**Conduct Routine Business**

- Approve minutes of December 18, 2018  
MOTION by Leah Palmer to accept the minutes from December 18, 2018 with the correction of changing *SEI to ELL Summer Programing*. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. **UNANIMOUS.**

### Superintendent's Report

- a. Reminders & Updates:
  - Joint Community Safety Meeting - January 16, 2019 at Falmouth High School
  - Coffee Hour with Parents - January 17, 2019 at the Administration Building
  - Superintendent's Student Advisory Council - January 18, 2019 at the Administration Building
  - Reunification Drill from Lawrence to Falmouth High School - January 25, 2019
- b. ART Student Awards
- c. Annual Legislative Breakfast

### Assistant Superintendent's Report

- a. Department Heads participated in the K-6 Professional Development

### Report from the Chair

- a. Shared information to be used for meeting next Tuesday for workshop with Dorothy Presser.

### Committee Member Report

#### Request for follow-up information

- a. Ms. Welch requested that we reach out to families who are not being paid due to the government shutdown.
- b. Mr. Rider thanked Director of Student Services, Joan Woodward, for the follow-up memo addressing his questions from the last meeting. Furthermore, he expressed that the memo was complete and detailed and thanked her for her efforts.
- c. Meghan Fleck asked if there was a waiver for Physical Education and if so could she have the particulars for such a waiver
- d. Terri Medeiros reminded everyone that Thursday night would be Policy subcommittee

HEARD Melissa Keefe remind everyone that the next meeting will be at the East Falmouth School on January 22, 2019.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to adjourn. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos.

**UNANIMOUS.**

ADJOURN 8:40 PM

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of January 8, 2019. Hard copies can be found in the Superintendent's Office or electronic copies on-line at the Town's website: [www.falmouthmass.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.falmouthmass.us/AgendaCenter)

1. *Field Trip Request & Approval Form 1/17-1/20/19 Model UN Club*
2. *Photos of existing tennis court by the Lawrence School*
3. *Summary of Spring 2018 MCAS Results*
4. *PowerPoint Presentation of Spring 2018 MCAS Results*

5. *PowerPoint Mid-Cycle Progress Report*
6. *DRAFT minutes 12/18/18*
7. *Superintendent's Briefing 1/8/19*
8. *Flier - Joint Community Meeting 1/16/19*
9. *Flier – Foster Care*
10. *Flier – Superintendent Coffee Hour – 1/17/19*
11. *Pictures of Students' Art Work*
12. *Memo from Joan Woodward dated 1/3/2019*

Minutes approved: 1/22/19