

**School Committee Meeting
January 22, 2019
East Falmouth Elementary School, Library
FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**



Members Present:	
Terri Medeiros, Chair	John Furnari
Kelly Welch, Vice-Chair	Andrea Thorrold
Melissa Keefe, Secretary	Lori Duerr, Superintendent
Leah Palmer	Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent
Meghan Fleck	Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations
Bill Rider	
Natalie Kanellopoulos	
Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary	Steve Withrow, The Enterprise (Press)

ALICE WORKSHOP 6:00 PM-6:30 PM

HEARD David Massi, Falmouth Police Department Detective, present an overview of the ALICE program that is currently being implemented in all Falmouth Public Schools.

HEARD Chief Dunne and Captain Smith review safety technology devices, enhanced locking systems, and access to cameras in the schools.

A brief question and answer session followed the presentation.

HEARD Terri Medeiros OPEN the Meeting at 6:39 PM

HEARD Pledge of Allegiance

HEARD Ms. Medeiros recite the taping statement. Steve Withrow, reporter for the Falmouth Enterprise, stated he would be taping the entire meeting for reporting purposes.

HEARD Kelly Welch read the Falmouth Public School Mission Statement.

HEARD Leah Palmer read student notes from the "Fish Bowl."

Public Comment

NONE

Student Advisory

HEARD Zorianna Petrosyan, freshman at Falmouth High School, report on:

1. Freshman Class Registration/Course Selection
2. Senior Auction scheduled for Sunday, February 10, 2019

3. NO GUFF Week scheduled for January 28, 2019 – February 1, 2019

ACT on Language for Article for SPRING Town Meeting

HEARD Lori Duerr request that the School Committee approve the language for the April Town Meeting Article requesting new video equipment in the schools. Superintendent Duerr stated that funds would be re-allocated for the security systems, which will enhance our current systems. Dr. Duerr recommends that this article moves forward to Town Meeting in April and requests that the School Committee support the language as follows:

This is a one-time request to re-allocate the unexpected balance of up to \$66,835.57 from Article 19 11/16. The funds from this article were used to renovate the East Falmouth Elementary School Gym. The project is finished and came in well under the original budget. The re-allocated funds will be used to support the final phase of the district-wide video security system upgrades. MOTION by John Furnari to support this article. SECONDED by Leah Palmer. UNANIMOUS.

FEA Presentation

HEARD Lori Andrade, President of Falmouth Education Association, introduce Ross Berry and Bryan Gangemi from Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA).

- Ross Berry and Bryan Gangemi began the presentation entitled “Fund our Future.”
- Marilyn Bemis, Grassroots organizer, talked about “Foundation Budget” how it has not grown steadily over the past 16 years. Ms. Bemis requested that the school districts regain the funds lost. She asks the school committee to sign the resolution and support the MTA. She requests that the School Committee sign the bill by May 1, 2019. Lori Andrade asked the FEA members present where they would want the additional funds allocated. Sue Ripley-Young requested Teaching Assistants (TA’s) and so did Jim Deasy from the Lawrence School. Susan Baker, retired teacher, would like to see Diversity Training for the staff. A Morse Pond School Teacher wants more Special Education Teachers in the Schools. Lori Andrade would like the Gifted and Talented Program back in the schools. Ms. Andrade thanked the school committee for the opportunity to present and asked that they endorse the resolution.
- Terri Medeiros encouraged the teachers to talk to Dr. Duerr if they have additional items they would like to add to their wish list.

Comments from the School Committee:

- The Promise Act is a 5-year process.
- The Community Forum will be held at Cape Cod Community College in the middle of March.
- Sam Patterson, selectman, recently attended a Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting where several resolutions were approved related to schools. Falmouth would get approximately \$2.2 million.
- Mr. Furnari stated all teacher’s needs are worthy and the School Committee will study it further.

ACT on resolution will be on a future agenda item.

FIRST READ on 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Draft Calendars

Discussion. Suggestions. Dr. Duerr stated that the changes will be made and revised calendars will be on the next School Committee Agenda scheduled for February 12, 2019.

FIRST READ on Policy JJH

HEARD Dr. Duerr state that the phrase “*and fingerprinted for overnight travel*” has been added to Policy JJH for their review. This adjustment has been made in response to requests from committee members at the last meeting. DISCUSSION.

HEARD Mr. Furnari ask that School Committee members follow the procedures of “Robert’s Rules” (Until a motion is made, seconded, and stated by the chair, no discussion is in order). Mr. Furnari also stated he was disappointed in last weeks’ meeting where Mr. Mock, who was requesting permission for an overnight field trip, was extensively questioned by the Committee.

HEARD Ms. Welch respond that she takes her position on the School Committee seriously and wants to ensure policies are properly followed. Further DISCUSSION continued on the topic of fingerprinting and the following points were raised:

1. Should all volunteers (VIPS) be fingerprinted?
2. Should fingerprinting be for overnight travel only? How about out-of-state field trips?
3. Could we have a blanket approval at the beginning of the year for all the field trips that go annually?
4. Who would pay for the fingerprinting for the chaperones?
5. Is a list of students participating in a field trip necessary?

Budget Priority Presentation Part II

HEARD Superintendent Duerr and Mr. Murphy present the proposed FY20 Budget. The PowerPoint presentation included the following highlights:

1. Overview
2. Enrollment, trends, and local allocations
3. Superintendent’s Priorities
 - a. Communication
 - o Website
 - o Media Partnership
 - b. Safety, Security, and Wellness
 - o Safety Response/Communication Tool and Student Internet Device Safety Tools
 - c. Teaching and Learning
 - o Digital Platforms
 - d. Physical Plant
 - o No impact on operational budget
 - e. Overall Systems
 - o Data Warehousing and Analytics
4. Realities and Choices
5. Summary

Question and answer session followed presentation.

CONDUCT Routine Business

1. MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019. SECONDED by John Furnari. UNANIMOUS.
2. HEARD Superintendent Duerr report on the following topics:
 - a. Attended an NSIP (New Superintendent Induction Program) meeting in Marlborough on January 9, 2019.
 - b. Celebrated Unit B employees during the week of January 7 - January 11, 2019.
 - c. Safety Forum – did an overview of the ALICE training. Link to the video posted online.

- d. Superintendent Coffee Hour – Very thoughtful conversation.
- e. Student Advisory Group – theme based on the Community Read – The Little Prince.
- f. Martin Luther King Breakfast on Monday – wonderful event.

3. Assistant Superintendent's Report

- a. The FEF is hosting a Grant writing workshop – The Office of Teaching and Learning will offer PDP's to teachers who attend.
- b. Attended Reception event – Cape Cod 5 Grants.
- c. Jessica Hockett will be back for Professional Development.
- d. Grade level leaders met this week.
- e. Anna Dunphy, Sonia Tellier, and Patrick Murphy attended a meeting about Federal Grants.

A brief question and answer session followed her report.

Report from the Chair

- a. Ms. Medeiros attended the Woods Hole trip highlighting the STEM program.

4. Committee Member Report

Mr. Furnari reported on the graduation at the STAR program at the Cape Cod Collaborative.

5. Request for follow-up Information

NONE

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to ADJOURN. SECONDED by John Furnari. UNANIMOUS.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:30 PM

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Minutes Approved 2/26/2019