

FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
 School Committee Minutes



March 12, 2019

Administration Building
 Upstairs Conference Room
 6:00 PM Executive Session
 6:30 PM Public Meeting

Members Present:	Terri Medeiros (Absent)
Kelly Welch, Vice-Chair	John Furnari (Absent)
Melissa Keefe, Secretary	
Andrea Thorrold	Lori Duerr, Superintendent
Leah Palmer	Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent
Meghan Fleck	Joan Woodward
Bill Rider	
Natalie Kanellopoulos	
Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary	

MOTION by Melissa Keefe at 6:00 PM to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining primarily concerning Unit A of the Falmouth Teachers Association and including Units B, C and D. It is expected that the School Committee will return to open session. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. ROLL CALL VOTE. UNANIMOUS.

OPEN MEETING 6:33 PM

HEARD the *Pledge of Allegiance*

HEARD Kelly Welch read the "Recording Statement"

Leah Palmer pulled student comments from the *Fish Bowl*.

PUBLIC COMMENT

HEARD Principal Adams from the North Falmouth Elementary School, along with some fourth grade students, share science experiments that will be entered into the Science Fair this weekend. Experiments included:

- Growing Rock Candy
- Missing Cupcake Ingredient
- Whitening of Toothpaste
- Easy Peel Hard Boil Egg
- What Shell Lasts Longer
- Cycle of Water Demonstration

VIEWED Mullen Hall Video Clip (5 minutes)

STUDENT ADVISORY

HEARD Zorianna Petrosyan, ninth grade student, report on the following events at the High School:

- Upcoming play, “Little Shop of Horrors”
- Foreign Language Week
- Restructuring Charter for Student Government

PRESENTATION of VIPs Program

HEARD Director, Tracey Crago, and Susan Augusta, VIPs Board Member, update the School Committee on the following program highlights:

1. *Be Fit Be Well* at Morse Pond School
2. Mentors
3. Junior Achievement Program
4. Cross-Age Science Teaching
5. Earn, Save and Grow – Financial Literacy in grades 7 and 8
6. April is Financial Literacy Month

VIEWED a brief video after the PowerPoint presentation.

The following events have been scheduled:

March 26, 2019	Recruitment event
May 7, 2019	VIPs Appreciation Dinner
June 7, 2019	Feasts of Falmouth and Beyond

HEARD a brief question and answer session after the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING on School Choice Numbers for 2019-2020

HEARD Kelly Welch open the PUBLIC HEARING for School Choice.

HEARD Joan Woodward, Interim Director of Student Services, recommend the number of seats, at each grade level, for the 2019-2020 School Choice Program. The breakdown is reflected in Dr. Woodward’s Memo dated February 26, 2019. The Vote will be on the March 26, 2019 agenda.

Took comments and questions.

Closed the *Public Hearing* at 7:23 PM

ACT on Boiler Project Bids for East Falmouth and Morse Pond

HEARD Patrick Murphy encourage a motion to accept the Riverdale Plumbing and Heating bid for \$1,000,000,000. MOTION by Leah Palmer to accept the vendor Riverdale Plumbing and Heating. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. UNANIMOUS.

UPDATE items for Spring Town Meeting

HEARD Dr. Duerr review the budget and Article 13.

Break 7:33 PM

Resume 7:54 PM

Conduct Routine Business

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. UNANIMOUS.

HEARD Superintendent Duerr report on the following:

- FINCOM voted to approve the FY20 budget
- Coonamessett Farm Foundation
- FEF Gala
- Ground Breaking Ceremony at Falmouth High School for All-Purpose Field
- Celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday - READ in the schools
- Credit For Life Fair at Falmouth High School
- Anti-Vaping Forum was yesterday, March 11, 2019, at the Morse Pond School. The next forum has been scheduled for March 19, 2019 at the Lawrence School.

Upcoming events:

March 23, 2019	Science Fair
March 25, 2019	Screening of the movie ANGST
March 27, 2019	Falmouth Fund Awards
March 25 - March 28, 2019	Kindergarten Registration

SUPERINTENDENT Duerr reviewed the space issue in our schools for the special programs at the elementary level. Discussed possible options.

A brief question and answer session followed Dr. Duerr's report.

HEARD Assistant Superintendent Tellier highlight the partnership with the Woods Hole Scientific Community. Additionally, Dr. Tellier mentioned that she would attend the League of Women Voters Meeting for a Civics Presentation.

A brief question and answer session followed Dr. Tellier's report.

HEARD Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, report that the Budget Subcommittee will review the capital plan in the months of May, June and July. Once the review is completed, the subcommittee will recommend what should be moved to the Town.

HEARD Kelly Welch remind and inform members:

- Superintendent evaluations are due
- March 26th presentation – “*How to do the Evaluation?*”
- Looking for a volunteer to go to a future Board of Selectman meeting and give a 15-minute report on School Committee activities. Mr. Furnari volunteered.

Request for follow-up information

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos request a CORI overview for Falmouth Public Schools.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to adjourn. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. UNANIMOUS.

ADJOURN 8:14 PM

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of March 12, 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

- VIPS PowerPoint Presentation, update for School Committee 2019
- VIPS Impact Report

- *VIPS Feasts of Falmouth Postcard*
- *VIPS Mentoring Postcard*
- *Memo from Joan Woodward dated 2/26/2019 – School Choice Seats*
- *Memo from Ken Beck dated 3/6/2019 – HVAC Renovations – Riverdale Plumbing*
- *DRAFT Minutes 2/26/19*
- *Press Release from Coonamessett Farm dated 2/26/2019*
- *Credit for Life letter dated 2/8/2019*
- *ANGST Movie Flier*
- *Community Forum Flier – Anti-Vaping*
- *Kindergarten Registration Flier*

Approved: 4/8/19