

**FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

School Committee Minutes

School Committee Meeting

July 28, 2020

Public Meeting 6:30 PM

Executive Session 7:45 PM

Administration Building

REMOTE ACCESS MEETING VIA Zoom Webinar

Webinar Archived on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJIZbUUGx0B-XABvwkMtRZQ>

340 Teaticket Highway

East Falmouth, MA 02536



MEMBERS Present:

Kelly Welch, Chair

Natalie Kanellopoulos, Vice-Chair

Melissa Keefe, Secretary

Terri Medeiros

Andrea Thorrold

Bill Rider

Leah Palmer

John Furnari

Lisa Hart

Lori Duerr, Superintendent

Sonia Tellier, Assistant Super.

Patrick Murphy, Dir. Fin. and Op.

Joan Woodward, Dir. of Student Services

Joany Santa, Dir. Of Human Resources

Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary

HEARD Kelly Welch Open the Meeting at 6:30 PM.

HEARD Kelly Welch recite the recording statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

HEARD Teresa Jazo, parent and teacher, thank the School Committee for their decision made last week regarding cancelling graduation.

UPDATE from Scott McGann, Town of Falmouth Health Agent

HEARD Mr. McGann state that there has been a slight increase in COVID19 cases in Falmouth. He attributes this increase to the following:

1. Entering Phase III of the State's reopening plan – ex. indoor dining is allowed
2. Increased population in Falmouth due to summer tourists
3. People are more relaxed with the social distancing and mask wearing

Mr. McGann also reviewed:

1. Testing options
2. Contact Tracing
3. Procedures/Guidance
4. HIPPA

Questions/comments that followed Mr. McGann's report included:

1. Increase Staffing to Health Department
2. Using School Physician for contact tracing in the schools due to volume
3. Benefits of wearing a mask over mouth and nose
4. State funding to fund rapid response clinic in Falmouth in the future

REVIEW of Preliminary Reopening School Plan

HEARD Superintendent Duerr, Assistant Superintendent Tellier, Director Murphy, and Director Woodward review the proposed plan. An outline of the plan is as follows:

- A. FPS Mission and Vision Statements
- B. FPS Core Values
- C. Timeline for submission to Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE)
- D. Health and Safety
 1. Hygiene
 2. Masks
 3. Distancing
 4. Hand Hygiene
- E. Facilities and Operations
 1. Cleaning & Disinfecting
 2. Ventilation
- F. Teaching and Learning
 1. Introduction
 2. 3 Models
 3. Instruction
 4. Delivery of Instruction
 5. Accountability for Learning
 6. Professional Learning
 7. Landing Page
***Teachers Krista Hennessey and Trisha Bourgeault joined the administrators to share their remote work*
 8. Playlists
- G. Student Supports
 1. Students with disabilities
 2. Students with 504's
 3. Homeless, Foster Care
 4. English Learners
- H. School Specific Plans - OPTIONS
 1. Falmouth High School: Hybrid, 100% Remote Learning,
 2. Lawrence School: Hybrid, 100% Remote Learning
 3. Morse Pond School: In-Person Learning, 100% Remote Learning
 4. Elementary Schools: In-Person Learning, 100% Remote Learning
- I. Moving Toward a Final Plan
 1. Next Steps

HEARD extensive questions/comments following the Administrators presentation.

MOTION by John Furnari to accept the COVID19 Resolution. SECONDED by Bill Rider. Discussion. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Leah Palmer to accept the Anti-Racism Resolution. SECONDED by Terri Medeiros. Discussion. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

FIRST READ on Falmouth Public Schools 2020-2021 Handbooks

HEARD Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, review the overarching updates to the handbooks, which will include a COVID19 response section. The handbooks will be posted to our website, once approved, for easy access for students, parents and staff.

MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to move the August 11, 2020 School Committee Meeting to August 6, 2020. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Leah Palmer to accept the Minutes of July 14, 2020. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to release the Executive Session Minutes of March 10, 2020. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. Leah Palmer ABSTAIN. Eight in FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

Report from Chair

HEARD Kelly Welch report that she attended the Selectman's meeting on July 27, 2020. The Select Board expressed their support in the School Committee's decision to cancel the live graduation scheduled for July 25, 2020. Ms. Welch also reported that negotiations are ongoing with the Falmouth Educators Association.

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos report that she and Ms. Thorrold attended a meeting with the Wampanoag Tribe members regarding services available for students. Ms. Kanellopoulos requests this topic be added to a future agenda.

HEARD John Furnari report he attended a Cape Cod Collaborative meeting where they are moving forward with their alternative program. The Cape Cod Collaborative is also looking into the idea of having their 2020 graduates gather during winter break, if permitted by State and Local Authorities.

MOTION by Kelly Welch to move into executive session to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent). It is anticipated that the School Committee will NOT return to open session. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

Public Meeting ended at 9:35 PM.

The following documents were included in the School Committee Packet of July 28, 2020. Hard Copies will be available in the Superintendent's Office or electronic copies can be found at the Town's Website:

www.falmouthmass.us/AgendaCenter:

- *PowerPoint Presentation – Reopening of Schools*
- *COVID 19 Resolution*
- *Anti-Racism Resolution*
- *Executive Session Minutes of March 10, 2020*
- *Draft Minutes of July 14, 2020*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Approved: August 6, 2020