

**FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

School Committee Minutes

School Committee Meeting

August 6, 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

Leah Palmer

Lori Duerr, Superintendent

Natalie Kanellopoulos, Vice-Chair

John Furnari

Sonia Tellier, Assistant Super.

Melissa Keefe, Secretary

Lisa Hart

Patrick Murphy, Dir. Fin. and Op.

Terri Medeiros

Joan Woodward, Dir. of Student Services

Andrea Thorrold

Joany Santa, Dir. Of Human Resources

Bill Rider

Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary

HEARD Kelly Welch Open the Meeting at 6:32 PM.

HEARD Kelly Welch recite the recording statement.

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission and Vision Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

UPDATE from the Superintendent

HEARD Dr. Duerr report that the school reopening plan was shared with several committees, staff and families. A Parent Forum was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Dr. Duerr also reported that the Morse Pond School will begin in September as a Hybrid model, not 100% In-Person. Dr. Duerr thanked the members of the reopening planning committees district-wide and school based.

HEARD Dr. Tellier report that there was approximately one hundred participants in the summer Professional Development programs.

HEARD Joan Woodward, Director of Student Services, Joany Santa, Director of Human Resources and Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, thank the support staff working this summer to help prepare for the new school year.

HEARD Dr. Duerr state that the deadline for submission of the reopening plan to the State was extended to August 14, 2020. Dr. Duerr recommends approval of the proposed plan from the School Committee. There could be slight changes to the plan depending on State and Local guidelines. Topics of comments and questions following the presentation of the school reopening plan included:

1. Adequate staff at DESE reviewing the plan
2. Dr. Parkinson's recommendation
3. Schoology
4. Masks
5. Sports
6. Rapid Testing
7. Substitutes
8. Self-Reporting
9. Additional Staff (ex. custodians, aides, bus monitors, etc.)

MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to approve the School Reopening Plan submitted. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. DISCUSSION. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Capital Plans

HEARD Patrick Murphy request that the Committee approve the Capital Improvement Requests as follows:

1. Replacing the Morse Pond School Ceilings
2. Chiller at Falmouth High School
3. Initial architectural design and estimating services for the roof at Teaticket School

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the before mentioned capital requests. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Student Handbooks

HEARD Sonia Tellier state there were no major changes to the handbooks this year, however, a COVID section was added and may change and adapt to any new guidelines that are put in place by State and Local Agencies.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the Student Handbooks including the COVID insert that will be adapted as required by State and Local Agencies. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Adoption of Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy

HEARD Dr. Duerr state that in order for the Town of Falmouth to become a GREEN community designation the School Committee must vote to approve this new policy. This policy was on a March School Committee Meeting Agenda as a First Read. HEARD Mr. Murphy state that all school vehicles fall with the guidelines of this policy except those exempt.

MOTION by John Furnari to approve the Fuel Efficiency Policy. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Donation of Instructional Material for \$950.00

HEARD Dr. Tellier state that Janis Baron, Professional Development Instructor for Elementary Teachers, would like to gift our teachers a wide array of professional resources/material that value \$950.00.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to accept the instructional materials donated by Janis Baron for \$950.00. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Superintendent Contract

HEARD Kelly Welch state that Dr. Duerr is currently in her second year of her existing contract. A renewal of the contract now which would expire in 2025 and will show confidence in her leadership. The contract has gone to Executive Session for review. MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the Superintendent's contract. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. DISCUSSION. Roll Call Vote. John Furnari and Bill Rider Vote NO. Seven in FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the minutes of July 24, 2020. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

REPORT from the Chair

HEARD Kelly Welch report that there will be a joint session with the Selectman on September 29, 2020 for a training on equity, bias and diversity.

REPORTS from Committee Members

HEARD Melissa Keefe suggest that the School Committee meet in person in the near future. Terri Medeiros would also recommend an in-person School Committee meeting. Kelly Welch will look into the matter with Town Hall to see if it will be allowed.

HEARD Leah Palmer request signs at the track at the High School that remind users of social distancing.

HEARD John Furnari state that the shipment of masks by the Cape Cod Collaborative which were purchased at a low price point, will be tested and if they are acceptable, the district could purchase through the same vendor and save substantially.

HEARD Kelly Welch state that negotiations with the Teacher's Union are continuing twice a week to work through a Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION by Kelly Welch to move into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(7) "to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requires (Purpose 7); specifically, the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c 30A, sections 22(f), (g). It is expected that the School Committee will NOT return to public session. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

Meeting ADJOURNED 8:34 PM

The following documents were included in the School Committee Packet of August 6, 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:

- *Capital Improvement Request form for:
Morse Pond Ceilings
Chiller at FHS
Architectural Design for Teaticket Roof*
- *Memo from The Policy Subcommittee regarding Annual Student Handbooks 2020-2021*
- *SPECIAL Edit: Response to COVID – 19*
- *Town of Falmouth Fuel Efficiency Vehicle and Idling Policy*
- *DRAFT Minutes of July 24, 2020*
- *Draft Minutes of July 28, 2020*
- *July 2020 Billing Packets*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Approved: August 25, 2020