

FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
 School Committee Meeting
 January 14, 2020
 6:30 PM
 Administration Building
 Conference Room



Members Present:	John Furnari
William Rider, Chair	
Kelly Welch, Vice-Chair	Lori Duerr, Superintendent
Melissa Keefe, Secretary	Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations
Lisa E. Hart	Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent
Meghan Fleck	Joan Woodward, Director of Student Services
Terri Medeiros	
Natalie Kanellopoulos	Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary
Andrea Thorrold	Steve Withrow, Falmouth Enterprise

HEARD Chairman Rider open the meeting at 6:30 PM.

HEARD the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARD Chairman Rider read the Taping/Video Statement.

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos read student comments from the fishbowl.

HEARD Chairman Rider read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT Advisory Report

None

PRESENTATION of Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Mentor Program

HEARD Tracey Crago, Director of the VIPS program, introduce Niisa Morton, Mentor Director for VIPS. Ms. Morton reviewed the following topics of the Falmouth VIPS School Based Mentor Program:

1. About our mentors
2. About our mentees
3. Current matches by school
4. Comments from mentees about the program
5. Other VIPS mentoring programs
6. Funding for the VIPS mentoring program

7. Sharing the model with other districts
8. January is youth mentoring month

HEARD Ms. Morton state that building lasting relationships is the key to the program. At the conclusion of the presentation, there was a brief question and comment session.

PRESENTATION of Transportation Contract and Bid Process

HEARD Patrick Murphy review the process of the transportation contract and bid process, which included the following topics:

1. Transportation consultant Richard Labrie
2. Timelines for the bid process
3. The three (3) bids submitted were:
 - a. Lucini (lowest bid)
 - b. Five Star
 - c. First Student
4. Next Steps include reference checks by Mr. Labrie and finalize a contract for the School Committee's approval.

HEARD Mr. Businowski, current employee of First Student, state that there is a concern amongst the bus drivers about their jobs. He also stated that First Student was a first class company. He asked the School Committee if they could reconsider. Mr. Murphy explained that the School Department is governed by the Massachusetts Procurement Laws and they have very stringent guidelines. Mr. Murphy assured the bus drivers in the audience that they could work for Lucini if they are in good standing and they want to stay in Falmouth.

HEARD Mr. Murphy state that the transportation efficiency report completed by Mr. Labrie will be available in a few weeks. A presentation will be scheduled to review the findings.

PRESENTATION of Student Services

HEARD Joan Woodward, Director of Student Services, review the new DESE *Tiered Focused Monitoring System* (previously called the Coordinated Program Review). Dr. Woodward explained that the district would undergo a review every three years. The review process emphasizes elements most tied to student outcomes. Falmouth will be in Group "B." The review will include:

- a. Document review in Civil Rights with some Special Education criteria
- b. Facility observations
- c. Special Education Parent Advisory Council Interviews
- d. Parent Survey
- e. Student Discipline

HEARD questions and answers after Dr. Woodward's presentation.

PRESENTATION Budget Overview

HEARD Lori Duerr and Patrick Murphy present the updates and priorities for the FY21 budget, which include:

1. Woods Hole Project Coordinator
2. World Language Teacher(s) – phased in over time
3. CVTE Early Childhood Teacher
4. .5 ELD Teacher
5. Title I positions

6. Occupational Therapist
7. Additional School Adjustment Counselor

HEARD questions and comments following the presentation.

ACT on Policy Sections D & E

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve Policy Sections D and E. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. Eight in FAVOR. Mr. Furnari ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIES.

PRESENTATION on Policy Sections F, G & H

HEARD Sonia Tellier review the sections. After some conversation, policy GCBA (Professional Staff Salaries Schedule) will go back to policy subcommittee for further review and clarification. If members have any further questions or concerns about sections F, G, or H, they should email Terri Medeiros.

Conduct Routine Business

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve Minutes of December 10, 2019. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Eight in FAVOR. Kelly Welch ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIES.

HEARD Superintendent Duerr report on the following:

- a. Attended *Rotary Club* event and thanked them for their help with Cape Kid Meals
- b. Began the *Homework Advisory Committee*
- c. Attended *Selectmen's meeting* on the budget. Thanked, Julian Suso, Jen Mullen and FINCOM members for their support of the schools
- d. Attended the *No Place for Hate Bystander Training* this past Saturday. Well attended. Great Trainers
- e. Update on the *Town Affirmative Action Position*
- f. Attended the *Library Fund Meeting* in order to continue to expand our relationship with the libraries
- g. Reminder – School Committee Workshop January 21, 2020
- h. Reminder- No Guff Week February 3-7, 2020
- i. Shared “*Falmouth Learning Partners*” stickers with board members. These stickers will be displayed at local businesses or public places that would allow our student to use their WIFI.

Committee Member Report

HEARD John Furnari remind members that the Legislatures Breakfast will be held on January 31, 2020 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Cape Cod Collaborative, Bumps River Road, Osterville, MA.

Request for follow-up information

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos ask if substitutes have an opportunity to participate in ALICE training. Mr. Murphy replied that the district is working on facilitating a training for substitutes.

Announcements

HEARD Kelly Welch remind Board Members that the Homework Advisory meetings would be a great opportunity for Superintendent Observations. Ms. Welch also asked for volunteers for the Cape Kid Meals bagging session on January 21, 2020.

HEARD Chairman Rider close the meeting with a quote from John Gardner.

MOTION by John Furnari to adjourn. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. UNANIMOUS.

ADJOURN 8:51 PM

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of January 14, 2020. 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*
- *Briefing and PowerPoint Presentation of Transportation Contract and Bid Process by Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, dated 1/14/2020*
- *PowerPoint Presentation of Tiered Monitoring by Joan Woodward, Director of Student Services, dated 1/14/2020*
- *PowerPoint Presentation of FY21 Budget by Lori Duerr, Superintendent, dated 1/7/2020*
- *Memo from Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, regarding Comprehensive Policy Review, Section F dated 1/14/2020*
- *Memo from Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, regarding Comprehensive Policy Review, Section G dated 1/21/2020*
- *Memo from Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, regarding Comprehensive Policy Review, Section H dated 1/14/2020*
- *Draft minutes 12/10/2019*
- *Briefing by Lori Duerr, Superintendent dated 1/14/2020*
- *Bill Schedules Signed 9/1/2019-9/30/2019*
- *Handout – Copy of sticker “Falmouth Learning Partners”*
- *Handout – VIPS Mentor Brochure*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Approved: January 28, 2020