

FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
 School Committee Meeting
 February 25, 2020
 5:30 PM Executive Session
 6:30 PM Public Meeting
 Administration Building
 340 Teaticket Highway
 East Falmouth, MA 02536
 Upstairs Conference Room



Members Present:	John Furnari (Absent)
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

MOTION by Bill Rider at 5:30 PM to move into Executive Session according to Open Meeting Law Chapter 30A Section 21(a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Units A, B, C, and D and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation. Having these discussions in open session may be detrimental to the School Committee's bargaining and litigating positions. **SECONDED** by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. **UNANIMOUS.**

HEARD Chairman Rider OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 6:33 PM

HEARD Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARD Chairman Rider recite the Recording Statement. Steve Withrow will be recording for reporting purposes.

HEARD Meghan Fleck read student comments from the fish bowl.

HEARD Chairman Rider read the Falmouth Public School Mission Statement.

Public Comment
None

Student Advisory Report
Absent

Presentation of Calmer Choice Program
HEARD Fiona Jensen, CEO of Calmer Choice, review:
1. History of Program

2. Mission Statement
3. Report from the National Academies
4. Research from Innovation to Evidence Based
5. Calmer Choice Integrates:
 - a. Social Emotional Learning
 - b. Mindful Awareness Training and Practice
 - c. Current Brain Neuroscience
 - d. Trauma Informed Practices
 - e. Health Promotion and Awareness
6. School Based Programs
7. Volunteers Being Trained

HEARD Lori Duerr thank Ms. Jensen for helping the district make this program sustainable in the schools.

HEARD A brief question and answer session following the Calmer Choice presentation.

Presentation of the Interact Club

HEARD students Dylan Pyne, Siobhan Morris, and Phillip Gessen discuss the trip planned to Guatemala through the Rotary Club. They will be working with an organization named, *Safe Passage Program*, which is a non-profit organization based out of Maine.

Students identified the top reasons for this trip were as follows:

1. Cultural Experience
2. Understanding Privilege
3. Make a Difference in their Lives

HEARD students review the itinerary and the accommodations.

HEARD a brief question and answer session following the presentation.

HEARD Sam Patterson, Rotary Club member, state he would be a chaperone on the Guatemala Trip with his wife Hazel Patterson. Four students will be participating. Mr. Patterson thanked the sponsors.

HEARD J. Malcom Donald, Town Meeting Member from Precinct #6, discuss the topic of Rooftop Solar, Town Meeting Article #36. Mr. Donald stated that if it passes it would require the Town to install solar panels as they install new roofs on town buildings. Additionally, if it passes it may have an immediate affect the School District due to the replacement of the Teaticket School Roof in the next year. Mr. Donald requested a VOTE by the School Committee in favor of this Article. Chairman Rider stated the item would be put on a future agenda.

HEARD a brief questions and answers session following the presentation of Article of #36.

Act to Accept the \$5,000 Donation from the Island Queen for the FHS Hockey Tournament
MOTION by Melissa Keefe to accept the donation from the Island Queen for the Falmouth High School Hockey Tournament. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. UNANIMOUS.

Act to Declassify the Executive Session Minutes from August 20, 2018 and September 11, 2018.
MOTION by Terri Medeiros to declassify the Executive Session Minutes mentioned above.
SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. UNANIMOUS.

Act on K-12 Learning Partnerships Specialist Position

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the K-12 Learning Partnerships Specialist Position.

SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Discussion. UNANIMOUS.

Act on Falmouth School Budget FY21

MOTION by Kelly Welch to approve the School budget of \$50,218,817 for the 2020-2021 school year.

SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to approve School Choice Seats as follows:

Kindergarten	TBD
Grade 1	8 seats
Grade 2	8 seats
Grade 3	8 seats
Grade 4	8 seats
Grade 5	6 seats
Grade 6	6 seats
Grade 7	6 seats
Grade 8	6 seats
Grade 9	12 seats
Grade 10	6 seats
Grade 11	12 seats

SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. DISCUSSION. UNANIMOUS.

First Read on Transportation Contract

HEARD Patrick Murphy review the bus contract and state that Town Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract. The District will be entering into the contract for three (3) years. This item will be on the March 10, 2020 agenda for a vote.

First Read on Calendar 2021-2022

HEARD Superintendent Duerr state that the calendar has been reviewed and endorsed by the Falmouth Educators Association (FEA). This item will be on the March 10, 2020 agenda for a vote with an alteration of the "Legend."

Discuss Policy Section I

HEARD Sonia Tellier explain that some policies could be deleted due to the combination of the policies.

Conduct Routine Business

1. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2020

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. UNANIMOUS.

HEARD Superintendent Duerr report on the following:

- a. Attended the All Cape Band Workshop on February 12, 2020
- b. Participated in the School Committee Workshop
- c. Attended the Tri-M Induction Ceremony
- d. Attended the Best Buddies Valentine's Day Dance
- e. Attended games at the Buddy Ferrier Hockey Tournament
- f. Included a flier for upcoming White Ribbon Pledge
- g. A Memo from Joan Woodward that follows up on a request from the last meeting about the number of Teacher Assistants in the District

- h. NEASC letter – FHS has received continued accreditation and Dr. Duerr read some of the commendations
- i. The donation of water bottles by Fraser Construction has been scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2020

HEARD Terri Medeiros commend the teachers at the High School for receiving the Accreditation. It is a very lengthy and difficult process.

Report from the Chairman

1. Committee Members Report
None
2. Request for Follow-up Information
3. None
4. Subcommittee Report Update
Evaluation Subcommittee hand out
 1. Updated timeline
 2. Reviewed procedure
 3. Reviewed the standards

Future Items

None

Announcements

- Sonia Tellier recognized students Abe Lineaweaver and Annabelle Abbot along with their teacher Corrine Adams for being chosen to show their artwork at the National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition at the International Conference of the National Council on education for the ceramics Arts.

HEARD Bill Rider recite a quote by an anonymous author.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to adjourn. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. UNANIMOUS.

ADJOURN

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of February 25, 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.

1. *Fact Sheet on 2020 FHS Rotary Interact Trip to Guatemala – Non Sanctioned School Trip*
2. *Copy of Article #36 Spring Town Meeting April 2020 ROOFTOP SOLAR*
3. *Executive Session Minutes August 20, 2018 and September 11, 2018*
4. *School Transportation Contract with Lucini Bus Lines*
5. *DRAFT 2021-2022 School Calendar*
6. *Superintendent Briefing dated February 25, 2020*
7. *Flier for White Ribbon Pledge Event*
8. *FPS Special Education Teacher, Teacher Assistant and Non-Special Education Teaching Assistant Staff Dated*
9. *DRAFT Minutes for February 11, 2020*

Handouts at the Meeting:

1. *Revised DRAFT 2021-2022 School Calendar with Memorial Day added as a Holiday*

2. *The Massachusetts Model System for Educator Evaluation: Evaluation Superintendents and District-Level Administrators*
3. *PowerPoint Presentation of Guatemala Trip sponsored by the Rotary Club*
4. *PowerPoint Presentation of Calmer Choice Program*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Approved: 3/10/2020