

School Committee Meeting
 Minutes
 March 10, 2020
 Falmouth High School Library
 874 Gifford Street
 Falmouth, MA 02540
 5:30 PM Executive Session, 6:30 PM Public Meeting



William Rider, Chair	
Kelly Welch, Vice-Chair	
Melissa Keefe, Secretary	Lori Duerr, Superintendent
Lisa E. Hart	
Meghan Fleck	Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations
Terri Medeiros	Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent
Natalie Kanellopoulos	
Andrea Thorrold (Absent)	Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary
John Furnari	

HEARD Mr. Rider open the meeting at 5:30 PM.

HEARD Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Units A, B, C, and D. Having these discussions in open session may be detrimental to the school committee's bargaining position. SECONDED by Terri Medeiros. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

RETURNED TO Public Session at 6:30 PM.

HEARD Chairman Rider read the recording statement. Steve Withrow from the Enterprise will be recording for reporting purposes.

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos read student comments from the fish bowl.

HEARD Mr. Rider read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission Statement

Public Comment

None

PRESENTATION Highlight on Education: Falmouth High School

HEARD Mary Gans, Principal of Falmouth High School, introduce Katie Fauth, Clinical Director of the Bridge Program and Ms. Noonan, Academic Coordinator. Ms. Fauth reviewed the goal of the program as well as the entry and exit criteria for the program. Three students who completed the program joined Ms. Fauth. Each gave an account of their experiences and the support they received. Parents of students also shared their experiences.

HEARD a question and answer session following the presentation.

FIRST READ Fuel Efficient Vehicle and Idling Policy

HEARD Lori Duerr inform the Board that this request came from Town Hall. In order for Falmouth to be considered a “green community,” the school department would need to agree to this policy. This item will be placed on a future agenda for a vote.

ACT on Collective Bargaining Contracts for Units A, B, C & D

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to accept Unit A contract. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. Terry Medeiros recused herself. UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION by Natalie Kanellopoulos to accept Unit B contract. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Mr. Rider stated that he highly respects this group of educators but would like to see days added to the contract in the future. ROLL Call VOTE. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to accept Unit C contract. SECONDED by Megan Fleck. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to accept the Nurses contract. SECONDED Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on MASS Science & Engineering Fair to MIT May 1-May 2, 2020

HEARD Cory Dubuque. Report on the recent Science Fair. Mr. Debuque thanked the STEM Boosters for their support in the event.

Regional Fair – won two prizes. Two students earned entry to the State Fair at MIT. Got an email from MIT – says it’s in limbo right now. MOTION to approve the request for two students to attend the Science Fair at MIT. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. DISCUSSION. MOTION by Terri Medeiros to AMMEND the MOTION to state: approval of this request pending any further developments and to give Dr. Duerr the authority to make final decision. SECONDED by Kelly Welch. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Hershey Park Trip

HEARD Superintendent Duerr recommend that this trip be cancelled. MOTION by Terri Medeiros to cancel the Hershey Park trip. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Transportation Contract

MOTION by Natalie Kanellopoulos to approve the transportation contract with Lucini Transportation. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Support for Article #36 Rooftop Solar

HEARD Kelly Welch state that typically the school committee does not weigh in on Town Meeting Articles and suggests we don’t ACT on the matter. Chairman Rider stated he would like more information on the Article. MOTION by Kelly Welch to table voting on the support for Article #36. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. John Furnari ABSTAINED. Seven in FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.

ACT on Policy Section I

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to accept Section I of the Falmouth Public Schools Policy Manual. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. John Furnari ABSTAINED. Seven in FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.

ACT on School Calendar 2021-2022

MOTION by Meghan Fleck to accept the School Calendar presented tonight for the 2021-2022 school year. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. DISCUSSION. Kelly Welch stated she objects to the term “Columbus

Day.” Mr. Furnari stated he is proud that it states “Columbus Day” and would prefer is also stated “Good Friday” instead of “No School.” VOTE. UNANIMOUS.

PRESENT Policy Section J

HEARD Assistant Superintendent state that Section “J” is the longest of the sections. She reviewed the memo included in the packet. Send any questions or comments to Terri Medeiros, Policy Subcommittee member.

DISCUSSION on DESE – Student Opportunity ACT

HEARD Dr. Duerr report that each district will complete a report that is due to the State this month. Falmouth has been scheduled to receive approximately \$96,000. Chapter 70 funds typically go to the Town not directly to the school budget. If available, the money will be used for our early learners.

Conduct Routine Business

MOTION by Natalie Kanellopoulos to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Meghan Fleck to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. UNANIMOUS.

HEARD update on Capital Plan by Mr. Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations. Mr. Murphy reviewed two upcoming projects:

1. East Falmouth School - Univents and control replacement (Phase 2 of boiler replacement)
2. Morse Pond School - Ceiling replacement project

HEARD Mr. Murphy state that he might request a letter of intent from the Board so the vendor can order supplies and the project remain on time. These projects need to be completed during summer break when school is not in session.

HEARD Dr. Duerr Superintendent report on the following items

1. Falmouth Police Department *Officer of the Year* for Ryan Hergt, School Resource Officer
2. Three of our students were also recognized for de-escalating a situation at school
3. Work continues with the *Homework Advisory Committee*
4. Science Fair 2019-2020
5. Read Across America
6. Propose *School Committee Workshop* on March 31st to finalize the Mission, Vision and Core Values 5:30-7:00 PM
7. Update of *Spring Partnership Forum* with Woods Hole by Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent
8. Reviewed memo from Patrick Murphy regarding *Funding for Clubs*
9. Reviewed memo from Sonia Tellier regarding *Weighted Grades*
10. Reminder: *FEF Gala* is Saturday March 21st
11. *Mural at North Falmouth* created by Mr. Neelon was recently completed
12. Report of information shared with families and staff about the *COVID-19* virus
 - a. DESE Guidance
 - b. New information arriving at a rapid pace
 - c. Taking matters day by day at this point
 - d. Attendance Awards have been suspended at this time
13. *Water Bottles* donated by Fraser Construction were deliver to Morse Pond School for distribution to all schools

HEARD comments and questions following Superintendent's report.

HEARD Dr. Duerr present Mike Falcone, IT Director, with the Mass. Ed. Tech Association Award. Mr. Falcone has now earned his Chief Tech Officer Certificate. Dr. Duerr commended Mr. Falcone for his achievement.

Committee Member Reports

None

Future Items

None

Announcements

None

HEARD Chairman Rider recite a Martin Luther King quote.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to adjourn. SECONDED by Kelly Welch. UNANIMOUS.

ADJOURN at 8:08 PM

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of March 10, 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.

- *The Bridge Program PowerPoint*
- *Town of Falmouth Fuel Efficient Vehicle and Idling Policy*
- *Field Trip Request & Approval form for Science and Engineering Fair*
- *Field Trip Request & approval form for Choral Students to Hershey PA*
- *School Transportation Contract*
- *Rooftop Solar Article #36*
- *DRAFT 2021-2022 School Calendar*
- *MEMO to School Committee regarding Section J*
- *Community Forum Student Opportunity ACT flier*
- *DRAFT Minutes February 25, 2020*
- *DRAFT Minutes March 3, 2020*
- *MEMO to Patrick Murphy from BLW Engineers dated March 5, 2020*
- *Superintendent Briefing March 10, 2020*
- *Spring Partnership Forum Flier*
- *MEMO from Patrick Murphy to School Committee dated March 5, 2020 regarding FHS Clubs*
- *MEMO from Sonia Tellier*

Approved: March 24, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid