

**FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

School Committee Minutes

School Committee Meeting

April 14, 2020, 6:30 PM

Administration Building

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340 Teaticket Highway

East Falmouth, MA 02536



MEMBERS Present:

Bill Rider, Chairman

Kelly Welch, Vice-Chair

Melissa Keefe, Secretary

Terri Medeiros

Andrea Thorrold

Meghan Fleck

Natalie Kanellopoulos

Lisa Hart

John Furnari

Lori Duerr, Superintendent

Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent

Patrick Murphy, Dir. Fin. and Op.

Joan Woodward, Dir. of Student Services

Joany Santa, Dir. Of Human Resources

Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary

Steve Withrow, Press

HEARD Chairman Rider open the meeting at 6:32 PM.

HEARD Chairman Rider read the new Falmouth Public Schools Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UPDATE on School Closure

HEARD Superintendent Duerr introduce the following principals who each gave a school update:

- Sandy Kapsambelis, Teaticket
- Kathleen Riordan, Morse Pond
- Tim Adams, North Falmouth
- Mary Gans, Falmouth High School
- Justine Dale, East Falmouth,
- Tom Bushy, Lawrence
- Nancy Ashworth, Mullen Hall

HEARD Superintendent Duerr announce the retirement of Principal Ashworth at the end of this school year.

HEARD Superintendent Duerr report of the following:

1. The Falmouth Education Foundation awarded the Falmouth Public Schools a grant of \$125,000 for Chromebooks, hot spots and mice for students in grades K, 1, and 2. Chromebooks are ordered and a pick-up date will be set.
2. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has cancelled MCAS testing.
3. Remote Learning is up and running
4. All School grounds are closed at this time.
5. Currently working on a SPIRIT video.

HEARD members of the Board state that they appreciate everyone's efforts during this difficult time.

HEARD Mr. Rider open the floor for comments from the public. Ms. Huber made comments of the work for her 3rd and 6th graders.

ACT on Policy Section "J"

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve Policy Section J. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. ABSTAINED John Furnari. Eight in Favor. MOTION CARRIES.

FIRST Read on Policy Sections A, B, C, E, I and J

HEARD Assistant Superintendent Sonia Tellier give an overview on the adjustments of these policies. Reminder from Terri Medeiros to send any questions or comments on these policies to her via email.

ACT on Pre-Approval of Renegotiates of Existing Contracts Pending Review by Town Counsel

HEARD Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, state that no action is required at this time. Mr. Murphy stated he was awaiting guidance from the DESE in regards to the General Education Transportation Contract. Recently the DESE recommended that payment to all Out of District schools should continue. DISCUSSION.

CONDUCT Routine Business

MOTION by Lisa Hart to approve the minutes of March 31, 2020. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. DISCUSSION. Terri Medeiros stated that the Mr. Antonucci she referred to in the minutes was not the former Superintendent, that phrase should be removed. Roll Call Vote. Minutes approved with adjustment. UNANIMOUS,

MOTION by Natalie Kanellopoulos to approve the minutes of March 24, 2020. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS. Minutes approved.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the minutes of March 17, 2020. SECONDED by Terri Medeiros. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS. Minutes approved.

REPORT from Board Members

HEARD Mr. Furnari state he recently attended the Cape Cod Collaborative Board meeting. Mr. Furnari reported on the STAR program and the WAYPOINT program including study packets, incentives and meals.

FOLLOW-UP Items

HEARD Mr. Furnari suggest a SPIRIT day be tied into a day of the week. For ex. Taco Tuesday.

HEARD Melissa Keefe commend those parents still working trying to juggle home school plans and job. Additionally, Mrs. Keefe applauded all staff for their support to families during this difficult time.

HEARD Mr. Rider recite a quote from John McCain.

COMMENTS from teachers Tracey Chorches and Lori Andrade and one student.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Melissa Keefe. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote.
MEETING Adjourned.

The following documents were included in the School Committee Packet of April 14, 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:

- *Memo from Assistant Superintendent Sonia Tellier dated April 14, 2020 Regarding Previously Held Policies*
- *Draft minutes from March 31, 2020*
- *List of "Live Chat" from March 31, 2020 Zoom Meeting*
- *Draft Minutes from March 24, 2020*
- *Draft Minutes from March 17, 2020*

Respectfully Submitted by,

Melissa Keefe

Meeting ADJOURNED 7:52 PM

Minutes Approved: April 28, 2020