

**FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

School Committee Minutes

School Committee Meeting

April 28, 2020, 6:30 PM

Administration Building

REMOTE ACCESS MEETING VIA Zoom Webinar

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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

HEARD Chairman Rider open the meeting at 6:33 PM.

HEARD Chairman Rider read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

HEARD Lori Andrade, FEA President, Assistant Principal of East Falmouth School and Literacy

Coordinator, state that she was not in favor of the new ZOOM format (Webinar vs. Regular Meeting).

Ms. Andrade would prefer to see everyone who log into the meeting opposed to just the Board members and Administrators. Melissa Keefe, Board Member, stated it was an upgrade to prevent hacking.

HEARD Heather Goldstone, parent of three, state she was considering withdrawing her children during the pandemic because she is disappointed with the remote learning. Ms. Goldstone would recommend virtual classrooms.

UPDATE on School Closure

HEARD Superintendent Duerr report on the following:

1. A Family Survey will be distributed regarding “remote learning”
2. Our goal is to receive 100% participation from students for remote learning
3. Chromebooks have been ordered and a pick-up date will be scheduled once they have arrived
4. If any family is in need of school supplies please email us at info@falmouth.k12.ma.us

5. Food Service will continue until the end of the school year
6. A survey has been sent to all seniors and their families regarding graduation plans

HEARD Melissa Keefe and Terri Medeiros offer ideas for graduation.

HEARD a brief question and answer session following Dr. Duerr's update.

HEARD the following additional updates from Dr. Duerr:

1. Yard Signs for Seniors have been purchased
2. Budget Forecast
3. The two new positions, Wood Hole Coordinator and World Language Teacher (Elementary) approved with the FY21 budget will be on hold at this time
4. Kindergarten Registration reminder

HEARD concerns and comments from Board members regarding the closure.

PRESENTATION of Continuity of Learning

HEARD Dr. Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, review the programming available to all students. Dr. Tellier stated that the Falmouth Public Schools is taking their guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

PRESENTATION from Human Resources

HEARD Dr. Santa, Director of Human Resources, report that this continues to be a busy time for the school department recruiting for open positions. Dr. Santa reported that she has attended "virtual" job fairs and has reviewed over 100 applications.

PRESENTATION of Superintendent Summative Evaluation

HEARD Kelly Welch, Vice-Chair, review the Superintendent's evaluation process. Members Kelly Welch, Terri Medeiros, Andrea Thorrold and Bill Rider read excerpts from their evaluation. Dr. Duerr received a highly favorable evaluation from the Board. MOTION by Kelly Welch to accept the final evaluation of Superintendent Duerr. SECONDED by Terri Medeiros. Dr. Duerr stated she was both humbled and overwhelmed by the committee's support. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

DISCUSSION on Held Policy Sections A, B, C, E, I and J

HEARD Dr. Tellier state she would answer any questions for the Board.

FIRST Read on Policies K, L and Wellness

HEARD Kelly Welch suggest minor edits to the policies and some that should be discussed at Policy Subcommittee.

CONDUCT Routine Business

MOTION by John Furnari to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

FOLLOW-UP Items

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos request a percentage of how many students are currently logging into remote learning and what it looks like at each school.

HEARD Terri Medeiros request the schedules for remote learning.

FUTURE Items

HEARD Chairman Rider request the status of Summer School for students on IEP's. Dr. Duerr responded that those programs are in the planning phase.

HEARD Melissa Keefe suggest a Public Forum to discuss the current situation of remote learning during this pandemic.

HEARD Mr. Rider recite a quote from Abraham Lincoln.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Melissa Keefe. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. Before the vote, parent Patricia Pinto DaSilva requested to speak. Ms. Pinto DaSilva stated a new guidance from the DESE was released yesterday. Dr. Tellier responded that the curriculum leaders were currently reviewing the guidance from DESE and the District will align remote learning accordingly. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

The following documents were included in the School Committee Packet of April 28, 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 Sonia Tellier dated April 28, 2020 regarding Comprehensive Policy Review, Section K*
- *Memo from Sonia Tellier dated April 28, 2020 regarding Comprehensive Policy Review, Previously Held Policy ADF (Wellness)*
- *PowerPoint Presentation: Falmouth School Committee's Summative Evaluation for Dr. Lori Duerr 2019-2020*
- *Draft Minutes April 14, 2020*

Respectfully Submitted by,

Melissa Keefe

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:37 PM

Minutes Approved: May 12, 2020