

**FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

School Committee Minutes

School Committee Meeting

May 12, 2020, 6:30 PM

Administration Building

REMOTE ACCESS MEETING VIA Zoom Webinar

<https://zoom.us/j/99061773230>

Webinar Archived on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJIZbUUGx0B-XABvwmMtrZQ>

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 recording statement.

HEARD Chairman Rider read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACT on Calendar Date Change for Graduation

HEARD Mary Gans report on the recent survey sent to seniors and families of seniors. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of postponing graduation until July 25, 2020. The students are aware that restrictions by the State and Town may still be in place and agree to abide by those restrictions when planning the ceremony. Students also agreed to a 100% virtual graduation at that time if restrictions are still too stringent. MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the July 25, 2020 graduation date.

SECONDED by John Furnari. DISCUSSION. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on \$500 Donation from the Clam Man

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to accept the \$500 donation from the Clam Man for the February Hockey Tournament. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on \$500 Donation from the Falmouth Road Race

MOTION by John Furnari to accept the \$500 donation from the Falmouth Road Race for the February Hockey Tournament. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on \$1000 Gift Cards from Anonymous Community Member

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to accept the \$1000 gift card donation. SECONDED by John Furnari. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on Held Policies A, B, C, E, I and J

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the held policies of Sections A, B, C, E, I and J. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. DISCUSSION. Eight in FAVOR. One AGAINST (John Furnari). MOTION CARRIES.

DISCUSS Policies K and L

Heard Assistant Superintendent Tellier state that these policies are the final two sections of the School Committee Policy Manual that require revisions. She offered to answer any questions the Committee may have. HEARD Dr. Duerr state that the Wellness Policy should also be included. DISCUSSION.

CONDUCT Routine Business

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

SUPERINTENDNET'S Briefing

HEARD Dr. Duerr Report on the following items:

1. Explanation of how the FAQ's are updated
2. Preliminary plans to re-open Schools
3. Plans for Summer Programming
4. Updates on new Chrome Books for Grades K, 1, and 2
5. Chrome Books will be available for students all summer
6. Results of the Remote Learning Survey
 - a. Received responses from approximately one-third of the population
 - b. Balanced across the grade levels
 - c. 61% of the families felt "connected"

HEARD Patrick Murphy report that a Summer Feeding Program is in the planning stages and details of the program will be shared at a future meeting.

HEARD Andrea Thorrold thank Dr. Duerr for her update. She stated it was both interesting and informative.

COMMITTEE Reports

HEARD John Furnari report that the Cape Cod Collaborative is doing good work. Additionally, the Advanced Studies & Leadership Program (ASLP), a 3-week summer college-like residential experience developed by the Cape Cod Collaborative with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, would not take place this year.

HEARD Kelly Welch request that a Budget Subcommittee Meeting be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

FUTURE Items

HEARD Meghan Fleck state that this would be her last meeting since she has chosen not to run for re-election. She thanked the Board for all their work.

HEARD Board members state how much they enjoyed working with Ms. Fleck and that they hope she would return to the Board in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARD Terri Medeiros state that she participated in the French Honor Society Induction Ceremony, "Virtually."

HEARD Kelly Welch state that the *Senior Class Voter Registration Drive* will continue.

HEARD Chairman Rider recite a quote by Thomas Edison.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED by Meghan Fleck. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

The following documents were included in the School Committee Packet of May 12, 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:

- *Draft Minutes of April 28, 2020*
- *Superintendent's Report dated May 12, 2020*

Respectfully Submitted by,

Melissa Keefe

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:51 PM

Minutes Approved: May 26, 2020