

**FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

**School Committee Minutes**

School Committee Meeting

June 9, 2020

Executive Session 5:30 PM CANCELLED

Public Meeting 6:30 PM

Administration Building

**REMOTE ACCESS MEETING VIA Zoom Webinar**

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**MEMBERS Present:**

Kelly Welch, Chair

Natalie Kanellopoulos, Vice-Chair

Melissa Keefe, Secretary

Terri Medeiros

Andrea Thorrold

Lisa Hart

John Furnari

Leah Palmer

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

Executive Session CANCELLED

HEARD Kelly Welch, Chair, open the meeting at 6:30 PM.

HEARD Melissa Keefe read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission Statement.

HEARD Kelly Welch, Chair, read the joint statement issued last week on the topic, "Black Lives Matter."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**UPDATE from the Superintendent**

HEARD Superintendent Duerr report on the following:

1. Response to a question by Natalie Kanellopoulos, at a past meeting, regarding participation of students concerning remote learning. Dr. Duerr stated that engagement of students at the schools varies. The Principals are continuously reaching out to families to encourage participation.
2. Summer Learning Academy – New program for students this summer.
3. Summer Programs at FHS, Lawrence, and the ESY Program will continue as in past years.
4. Transportation issues for the summer programs.
5. June 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be set aside for professional development for teachers to help build remote classrooms if needed in September. Topics will include increased engagement, accelerated learning and personal learning. FPS teachers and administrators will teach classes. Dr. Tellier elaborated on the plans and answered questions.

6. Still waiting for DESE guidance for reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Administrators and staff will continue to problem solve until the guidance is received.
7. A survey was sent to all families regarding remote learning.
8. Continue to send weekly updates to staff and families.
9. Reminder to all families to email their concerns and/or suggestions to her or the email addresses set up for communication.

HEARD questions and comments following Dr. Duerr's presentation.

FIRST READ on Renewal of School Committee/Superintendent Protocols for the 2020-2021 School Year  
HEARD Kelly Welch open the discussion regarding the protocols. Mr. Rider suggested that the FPS Mission and Vision statements be incorporated into the document. Mr. Furnari suggested that #7 and #11 could be combined. Ms. Medeiros offered to collect ideas for edits and will present them at the next meeting.

ACT on School Committee Meeting Dates for the 2020-2021 School Year  
MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the School Committee dates presented tonight for the 2020-2021 school year.  
SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

ACT on School Committee Subcommittee Assignments for the 2020-2021 School Year  
MOTION by John Furnari to accept the School Committee assignments presented tonight. SECONDED by Lisa Hart.  
DISCUSSION. Ms. Thorrold requested clarification of the difference between the Wellness **Task Force** opposed to the Wellness **Committee**. Dr. Duerr will check the regulations and will respond.

DISCUSS School Committee Workshop Dates for the 2020-2021 School Year.  
HEARD Kelly Welch request thoughts about the School Committee workshop dates for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Furnari suggested they be on days that a regular meeting is already scheduled. Ms. Welch agreed.

REVIEW and DISCUSS Building Use Fees for 2020-2021  
HEARD Lori Duerr state that the fees have not changed since 2010. At this time, none of the FPS facilities will be open for rentals. Dr. Duerr recommends that the fee schedule remains the same. DISCUSSION. It was suggested that the rates for the new field be added to this list.

Conduct Routine Business  
MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the minutes of May 26, 2020. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos.  
DISCUSSION. Correct spelling errors and change Meghan Fleck to Leah Palmer. Roll Call Vote. Minutes Approved with edits UNANIMOUS.

Report from the Chair and Committee Member Report  
HEARD Kelly Welch remind members to send their edits regarding the School Committee Protocols to Ms. Medeiros and send suggested topics for retreat/workshop to her.

HEARD Mr. Furnari report on updates from the Cape Cod Collaborative, which included:

1. Election of Officers
2. Handbooks
3. All Cape In-Service 11/20/2020

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to ADJOURN. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. Meeting ADJOURNED at 7:56 PM.

*The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of June 9, 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](http://www.falmouthmass.us/AgendaCenter)*

- *Falmouth School Committee/Superintendent Operating Protocols 2020-2021*
- *Draft copy School Committee Meeting Schedule 2020-2021*

- *Memo from Kelly Welch dated June 9, 2020 Subcommittee Appointment and Other Assignments 2020-2021*
- *Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2020*
- *Draft Minutes May 26, 2020*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Approved: June 23, 2020