

FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

School Committee Minutes

School Committee Meeting

June 23, 2020

Executive Session 5:30 PM

Public Meeting 6:30 PM

Executive Session 7:45 PM

Administration Building

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340 Teaticket Highway

East Falmouth, MA 02536



MEMBERS Present:

Kelly Welch, Chair

Natalie Kanellopoulos, Vice-Chair

Melissa Keefe, Secretary

Terri Medeiros

Andrea Thorrold

Leah Palmer

John Furnari (Absent)

Lisa Hart

Lori Duerr, Superintendent

Sonia Tellier, Assistant Super.

Patrick Murphy, Dir. Fin. and Op.

Joan Woodward, Dir. of Student Services

Joany Santa, Dir. Of Human Resources

Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary

HEARD Kelly Welch Open the Meeting at 5:31 PM.

MOTION by Kelly Welch to MOVE into executive session to conduct a grievance hearing required by a collective bargaining agreement; FEA units A, B, C and D. It is expected that the School Committee will then return to open session for the remainder of the meeting. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

HEARD Kelly Welch resume Public Meeting at 6:35 PM.

HEARD Kelly Welch read the Recording Statement.

PUBLIC Comment

HEARD Veronique Meriot, North Falmouth Parent, read a letter she sent to School Committee and Administrators earlier today regarding the Schools insufficient response to the protests, police brutality and the treatment of black people in the United States. (Letter attached to minutes)

HEARD Terri Medeiros read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission Statement.

UPDATE by the Superintendent

HEARD Dr. Duerr update the Board on the following:

1. Recognition of Fire Chief Small for his support in the schools and good luck in his retirement.
2. Reopening of Schools in September:
 - a. The District has not received the guidance from the DESE. Dr. Duerr and her team are hoping for expanded options for families.
 - b. The Parent/Staff Reopening Advisory Committee would like as many students to return to school as possible.
 - c. Planning for different scenarios are being prepared for any eventuality.
 - d. The Parent Survey will be going out as soon as the Guidance is received.
3. Last week of school was celebrated with “Zoom Calls” and “Parades.”

HEARD Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, congratulate students for the following:

1. Bi-literacy Award
2. Quills and Quotes
3. Martha’s Vineyard Cooperative Bank Award

HEARD Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, update the Board on the School Budget. His Update included:

1. School Budget for FY21 was passed at Town Meeting on June 22, 2020
2. Reimbursement amounts from agencies such as FEMA, the CARE’s ACT and the ESSER Act are unclear at this time. Urged Board members to look at the long-term approach when prioritizing their work.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to declassify Executive Session Minutes of June 25, 2019 and October 22, 2019.

SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Natalie Kanellopoulos to approve the School Committee/Superintendent Protocols as presented.

SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to approve the Facilities Fee Schedule as presented. SECONDED by Bill Rider. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the appointment of Dr. Parkinson as the School Physician Consultant.

SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. DISCUSSION.

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Report from the Chair

HEARD Kelly Welch report that there will be a School Committee Retreat on July 28, 2020. Please send your ideas for topics to her via email.

HEARD Leah Palmer suggest that the School Committee should be trained in Cultural Responsiveness and Racism.

HEARD Terri Medeiros report that the Affirmative Action position was reinstated at Town Meeting Monday night. This position will be shared with the Town and the School Department.

MOTION by Kelly Welch to move into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c.34A, sec 21 (a)(7) “to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requires (Purpose 7); specifically, the Open Meeting Law, GL c.30A, sections 22(f),(g). IN ADDITION, to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Principals) and conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent). It is anticipated that the School Committee will NOT return to open session. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

Public Meeting ADJOURNED 7:30 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

- *Falmouth School Committee/Superintendent Operating Protocols 2020-2021*
- *DRAFT School Committee Minutes June 9, 2020*
- *DRAFT Executive Session Minutes June 25, 2019 and October 22, 2019*
- *Open Letter written by Veronique Meriot, dated June 23, 2020 received via email*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Approved: July 14, 2020