

FALMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

School Committee Minutes

School Committee Meeting

July 14, 2020

Public Meeting 6:30 PM

Executive Session 7:45 PM

Administration Building

REMOTE ACCESS MEETING VIA Zoom Webinar

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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

Bill Rider

Leah Palmer

John Furnari

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 6:30 PM.

HEARD Kelly Welch recite the recording statement.

HEARD Lisa Hart read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission and Vision Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

HEARD Superintendent Duerr introduce the new Principals for the 2020-2021 school year:

Ms. Rose Moran for the Mullen Hall School and Mr. Paul Goodhind for the East Falmouth School.

HEARD Superintendent Duerr update the Board on the progress of the re-opening plans. Dr. Duerr highlighted the following:

- First concern is safety for staff and students
- Desks must be 3-6 feet apart
- Students in grades 2-12 will be required to wear a mask
- During meals all children will be 6 feet apart
- The High School plan for students, at this time, will be one week in, one week out of school – This is the preferred model by the medical professionals
- Discussions are taking place for a possible regional solution

- Good response from parents/guardians of the Family Survey that was sent out on July 2, 2020
- Working on details for transportation
- Graduation plans are moving forward. Scheduled for July 25, 2020 at the new field

HEARD Joan Woodward, Director of Student Services, state that there will be additional counseling services for any students throughout the summer. If a parent would like more information, please email Ms. Woodward at jwoodward@falmouth.k12.ma.us.

HEARD Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, review the professional development opportunities for teachers this summer. Instruction for teachers will include:

- Building on Existing Remote Classrooms
- Playlist for Classrooms
- Real Time Instruction

HEARD discussion comment and suggestions, following Dr. Tellier's report including:

- Students will be graded and attendance will be taken
- Suggest that the plans include adjustments for influx or exodus of students
- Suggest there be a face-to face video for students transitioning into next grade
- Suggest counseling services be available in other languages (Dr. Woodward can arrange for these services)
- Students in substantially separate programs will attend school every day
- Contact tracing will be done by the VNA (Visiting Nurses Association)

HEARD Dr. Duerr state that the YMCA is offering a summer program using the mandated regulations. This will be a good test for our schools moving into the fall.

HEARD Dr. Duerr state that if parents have specific questions about their child's cohort they should contact the school principal.

HEARD Patrick Murphy update the Board on the Capital Plan. Mr. Murphy stated that the State budget has not been passed but the Town will follow the same process as in the past. The three major capital projects that Mr. Murphy would like to put forward are:

1. Morse Pond Ceiling Replacement (last phase to complete)
2. Lawrence School repaving and outside electrical work
3. Teaticket Architecture and design for the roof

MOTION by Leah Palmer to accept the \$2,071.02 donation from the Stop and Shop A+ Awards Program. SECONDED by John Furnari. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to status 2007 E150 Van, VIN #0100, as SURPLUS. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call VOTE. John Furnari ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSES. Minutes approved.

HEARD Kelly Welch report on the following:

1. Looking for volunteers to serve on a committee with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to examine best practices and increase services to Native American students. Andrea Thorrold and Natalie Kanellopoulos volunteered.
2. The School Committee Retreat will be on July 28, 2020. A second retreat will be scheduled to discuss anti-bias and anti-racism.
3. Update on the Affirmative Action Coordinator: A meeting is scheduled next week to discuss the job description.
4. Convocation will be September 2, 2020. Further details will be shared closer to the event date.
5. The book study with staff and families will begin this summer. The book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo, will be mailed to all School Committee members. Other members can come to the Administration Building to pick up their copy.

Committee Member Report

HEARD Terri Medeiros suggest that the School Committee have a face-to face meeting this summer.

HEARD John Furnari state he attended the Special Education Parent Advisory Meeting. Additionally, he has been re-elected as the Chair of the Cape Cod Collaborative.

HEARD Andrea Thorrold state that there are many “Virtual” events offered through MASC. She also mentioned that several resolutions would be put forward by MASC. She would like two of those resolutions, on a future agenda. They include; COVID 19 State Funding and School Committee Anti-Racism.

MOTION by Kelly Welch to MOVE into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, 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, G.L. c 30A, sections 22(f), (g). to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent). AND to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee (MCAD Complaint). It is anticipated that the School Committee will NOT return to open session. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of July 14, 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

- *Draft Minutes of June 23, 2020*
- *Letter by Veronique Meriot*
- *Bill Schedule June 2020*
- *Capital Plan Working Draft Spreadsheet*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Keefe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

Public Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Approved: July 28, 2020