

Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to return to open session at 7:06PM. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion Passed 3-0-0. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Attendance:

Chairwomen Donna Mansolillo, Vice Chair Patricia Fountain, Member Paul Darcy, and Superintendent Robert Wallace

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to open the floor for Public Comment for 10 minutes. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion Passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Chrétien reported that the School Improvement Team is in need of volunteers.

Late Bus Route:

Mrs. Mansolillo asked Mrs. Kettula, bus supervisor for Laidlaw, to give a general idea about the route that the late bus travels. Mrs. Kettula reported that the late bus leaves the high school about 3:15PM and the route is generally up route 94 to route 102 and then onto Cucumber Hill Road.

Mrs. Mansolillo asked that if a high school or middle school student walking home from a drop-off location may be picked up by an elementary school bus. Mrs. Kettula indicated that they may, but it was up to the individual bus driver.

Mrs. Fountain suggested that she would like to organize the bus information into a handout for the middle and high school students and parents.

Mrs. Mansolillo suggested that it also be posted to the Foster/Glocester Website.

Security Bids:

Mr. Wallace reported that a request for proposal was sent to the Providence Journal with a date for a walk through and that the specifications were faxed to all that requested it. Only one company, Sonitrol, completed the bid. Their base bid was \$17,683.00 for the school security system. This bid did not include the administration offices or the computer room. Option #1 was to include the Administration office at a cost of \$1,587.00 and the computer room with a cost of \$630.00 bringing the new total to \$19,900.00. Mrs. Fountain asked if the money used for this project was capital funds and was not operational money. Mr. Wallace stated it was capital funding and not operational funds.

Mr. Cervasio, a member of the public, asked that this item be tabled until after the 2nd public comment time at which time he would like to speak to it. Mrs. Fountain made the motion to table this item until item #17- 2nd public comment was completed. Mr. Darcy seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Communications:

Mr. Wallace received a communication from a parent concerning the use of the cafeteria for soccer, referring safety concerns and possible breakage.

The Superintendent reported receiving a communication from Dr. Cirillo, Foster/Glocester Superintendent regarding the sharing of technology personnel between districts in order to better maintain both systems. Mr. Wallace asked that before discussing this proposal the school department should have the Technology Assistant in place.

Mr. Wallace reported a notification of an award from the Rural Schools Grant of \$18,300 for the period July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

Use of School Facilities:

Recreation Department requests the use of the gym and cafeteria for volleyball and soccer. Mr. Wallace recommended the use of the gym for volleyball but did not recommend the use of the cafeteria for soccer. Mr. Cervasio, a recreation committee member, cited 3 problems that were discussed and addressed. The first problem is safety. Children will not be able to participate unless their parent is present. The second problem is the lights. Mr. Cervasio stated that soccer will be played with a deflated ball with a cover on it, similar to a tennis ball. This will be a pass game only with no kicking allowed. The third problem is the windows. The ball will be wrapped to protect the windows. Mr. McGovern, building and grounds supervisor stated that even throwing a covered ball and accidentally hitting a light could loosen it and even if it did not fall right away it could fall off at any time. This would make it a dangerous situation when students are in the cafeteria for lunch. Mrs. Mansolillo asked for a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve the use of the gym for volleyball. Mrs. Fountain made the motion, Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion approved 3-0-0.

Mr. Wallace recommended that the Girl Scout Troop #359 to use the teacher's lounge on Thursdays starting December 5th be approved. Mr. Darcy made the motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation, Mrs. Fountain seconded. The motion passes 3-0-0.

Mr. Wallace recommended that the Boy Scout Troop #101 request to use the cafeteria be approved. Mr. Darcy made the motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation, Mrs. Fountain seconded. The motion passes 3-0-0.

Mr. Wallace recommended that Swamp Meadow's request to use the cafeteria and kitchen on November 21st for a cast party be approved. Mrs. Fountain made the motion, Mr. Darcy seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Wallace recommended the request by the Foster Recreation Department for the use of the foyer on November 14th be approved. Mrs. Fountain made the motion, Mr. Darcy seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Wallace recommended the request by the Ponaganset Girl's Basketball League practice on 10/27 through 2/9/06 be approved. Mrs. Fountain made the motion, Mr. Darcy seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Grade 5 Exit Testing:

Mr. Moore shared the results of the standardized mathematics testing given to all fifth grade students in May by the Middle School. This testing is used for placements and ramp-up programs for the Middle School. He reported that again the Paine School students did very well on the testing. Seventy one fifth grade students took the test in May 2005. The results are reported as the number of students, as well as the percentage, that were at or above the progress indicators for fifth graders nationwide.

The results were:

	<u>Students At/Above</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Concepts/Applications		
Number Systems	64	90%
Whole Numbers	63	89%
Rational Numbers	68	96%
Problem Solving	66	93%
Graphs and Tables	71	100%
Statistics/Probability	70	99%
Geometry/Measurement	67	94%
Computation		
Addition of Whole Numbers	68	96%
Subtraction of Whole Numbers	68	96%
Multiplication of Whole Numbers	71	100%
Multiplication Facts	66	93%
Multiplication Operations	71	100%
Division of Whole Numbers	63	89%

Policies:

Mr. Wallace provided the committee with a draft of a policy regarding School Committee Minutes for the first reading. Mrs. Fountain explained that she had asked to have this item placed on the agenda but did not want Rhode Island general law but rather the exact procedure of the office staff for posting the minutes to the Secretary of State's Website. Mrs. Fountain stated a concern that if the administrative should be out that someone else would be able to use this procedure to post the minutes to the website. Mr. Wallace stated that passwords are needed to access the site and cannot be posted in a procedure but that Mrs. Lessard has been trained and he has the codes needed to post to the site. Mr. Wallace suggested that this item be tabled until next month.

Mr. Wallace provided the committee with a draft of a policy regarding grants for the first reading. This replaces the existing policy 3280 and therefore this policy should be numbered 3280A. Mrs. Mansolillo asked for the sentence from the old policy be included that stated all grants must come before the School Committee for approval. The second reading of this policy will be during the December School Committee Meeting.

Mr. Wallace provided the committee with policy 5140.1 Universal Precaution Procedures. This policy was last updated in 1997 and needs review. Mr. Wallace stated that he had spoken to the school nurse about the policy and she stated it was still appropriate. Mr. Darcy made a motion to continue the policy as written. Mrs. Fountain seconded with discussion. She stated that because the policy has not been updated since

1997 that a more in-depth policy may be needed. Mrs. Fountain asked the committee to table this item because she would do some research for a more in-depth policy.

Public Comment (Security System)

Due to power failures at the regional schools, Mrs. Mansolillo asked the committee if the security bid could be discussed at this point so that Mr. McGovern, Building and Grounds Supervisor, could answer any questions and then leave. The School Committee allowed public comment on the Security System only.

A community member, Mr. Ron Cervasio, commented on the proposed security system, stating it would be a waste of money. Mr. Cervasio asked the committee to use the money instead to fund safety improvements in the school so that groups, such as the Recreation Department could use the facility.

Mr. McGovern, Building and Grounds Supervisor, stated that security systems are needed because of damage done to school buildings and safety issues. He also stated that using a buzzer and camera to allow access into the building would greatly improve building security and that zones can be used to monitor different areas of the building so that access could be done in one area and alarmed in another.

Mr. Wallace recommended that the bid for the Security System bid by Sonitrol be approved. Mrs. Fountain made the motion, Mr. Darcy seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Mission Statement:

Mr. Wallace provided the School Committee with Captain Isaac Paine School's mission statement and Strategic Plan. He stated that these plans include all of the area's that are required by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Mr. Darcy stated that he thought School Committee should have its own Mission Statement and provided one as follows, "The Mission of the School Committee members is to be visionaries for the constant and betterment of quality education." Mr. Darcy stated that a clear Mission Statement is needed before the committee can move forward with objectives that can be measured rather than general statements that can't be measured. Mrs. Fountain stated that she had been waiting for Mr. Darcy lead, whether it is a workshop with the public invited or a school committee meeting with a full agenda. Mr. Darcy requested that the School Committee Mission Statement be continued as a future agenda item.

Business Manager Appointment:

Mrs. Mansolillo stated that she had put this item on the agenda, per suggestion of a taxpayer, to report that the school committee did talk to the regional business office about hiring their business manager and asked what it would cost to buy the services of their business office. The regional business office stated that they would probably have to hire another business secretary for the extra work that would come from the Foster School Department. With salary and benefits this option was considered not to be cost effective.

Technology Update

Mr. Wallace reported that during the summer months an initial advertisement and interviews for the technology assistant's position were conducted but none of the

applicants were a good fit for the school. On October 1st the position was again advertised and interviews were held. The Superintendent reported that he did have an individual to recommend for this position during the superintendent's report. During the month of September a consultant was used to get the computer lab functioning and at least one computer in each classroom working and connected to the network and internet.

Public Comment #2

Mrs. Gurenda, a parent, commented on the Committee's decision to eliminate the Technology Teacher's position and requested that the Committee restore this position for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Chretien, a parent, also added that last year the position of technology teacher focused more on the educational use of technology.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent recommended the appointment of Mrs. Kathleen Walsh to the position of Administrative Assistant of Technology. Mrs. Fountain made the motion to approve, Mr. Darcy seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Principal's Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following: After School Program, The Rhode Island School of the Future monthly meeting which was held at Paine School, Mrs. Bergstrom and the 5th grade Field Trip to RISD, and the School Improvement Team meeting regarding new health and wellness regulations for school children.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 27th minutes with an amendment. On page 3 the minutes should reflect that Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Session, not seal the minutes. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Warrants

Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve warrants 9-20-2005, 9-25-2005 and 10-11-2005. Mr. Darcy Seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Future Agenda Items:

1. Temporary Budget Organization Committee
2. Policy for Universal Precautions Procedures
3. School Committee's posting of Minutes to the Secretary of State Website
4. School Committee Mission Statement
5. Computer Technology Update
6. Grant Policy (2nd reading)
7. Late Bus Schedule Approval

Adjournment

Mr. Darcy made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Fountain seconded.
Motion passed 3-0-0. School Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Submitted by:
Gary G. Moore