

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
CAPTAIN ISAAC PAINE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 13, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

Chairwoman Donna Mansolillo, Vice Chair Patricia Fountain, Superintendent Robert Wallace, Principal Gary Moore.

OPENING:

School Committee reconvened to open session from executive session at 7:09 p.m. Chairwoman Mansolillo reported no votes were taken in executive session, except for a vote to seal the minutes, which passed 2-0-0. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. The floor was opened for public comment. Public comment was taken.

LATE BUS:

Mrs. Fountain reported on efforts to streamline the late bus. It is difficult, as it depends on the buses available.

COMMUNICATION:

Superintendent Wallace reported on one communication from the planning department requesting a submittal by 12/29 of capital budget requests for the next fiscal year. They are also requesting the superintendent to make a presentation to them on 1/18 relative to those capital funds.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

-PTG requested use of the cafeteria and gym on March 10 from 6-10 p.m. for a school dance. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

-Pack 101 requested the use of the cafeteria on March 17 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The member of the Recreation Committee who requested this item on the agenda was not present.

BUDGET REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve and accept the five recommendations, especially #4, into the current budget cycle. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Superintendent Wallace recommended no action until the administration has reviewed and studied the report. He suggested the committee could vote to accept the report, but wait to implement it. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

POLICIES:

Grants: Second reading. Superintendent Wallace recommended adoption of this policy. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

Procedure: After brief discussion this item was tabled.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Chairwoman Mansolillo made a motion to table this item. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

BID AWARD:

Superintendent Wallace reported four companies picked up the invitation-to-bid package. Three submitted bids, one did not include all the work. The low bid was \$23,300 from Universal Electric, which Superintendent Wallace recommends approval. Mrs. Fountain noted that the reason for the work was to be in compliance with the National Electric Code. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve the recommendation from Superintendent Wallace. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:

Presentation by Kathleen Walsh.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The floor was opened for public comment. Public comment was had.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

-Superintendent Wallace presented a school committee meeting schedule for 2006 and asked for approval of such. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

-Superintendent Wallace provided the committee with the project request form from the planning board, mentioned in Communications, seeking committee approval to install a heat control and monitoring system. Superintendent Wallace would like to submit an estimate for this project of \$19,818.00. Discussion followed. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept the recommendation of the superintendent. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

'06-'07 BUDGET:

Superintendent Wallace reported that the proposed budget showed an increase of \$3,934,815, which is approximately a 1 percent increase. He also mentioned the salary numbers are subject to modification as there is no contract yet. He recommends the establishment of a budget workshop. Chairwoman Mansolillo wants to speak to Mr. Darcy and Malcolm Moore to coordinate dates. No vote was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-Mrs. Fountain made a motion to table approval of November minutes for the open session to next month. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

-Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 22 executive session meeting. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

WARRANTS:

Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept the Check Register from November 22 for \$53,416.99 Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

-Budget Reorganization Comm.

- Mission Statement.
- Technology update.
- Policies
- Healthy Choices Menu.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Fountain made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Chairwoman Mansolillo seconded.
Motion passed, 2-0-0.

Submitted by Melanie M. Chace