

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

AUGUST 22, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

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

OPENING:

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. Chairwoman Mansolillo reported votes were taken on contracts concerning the administrative assistant for technology (a 3-year contract), the business manager (a 3% increase in salary), the superintendent (a 4% increase in salary), as well as the principal (a 2-year extension). All votes passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

-Girl Scout Troop 168 requested use of the cafeteria every other Wednesday from September through May. Mr. Darcy made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

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-Girl Scout Troop 395 requested use of the cafeteria the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY:

No report.

LATE BUS:

Discussion with Ms. Catulo from Laidlaw.

AD HOC COMM. REPORTS:

Update by Ms. Seitler.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mr. Darcy reported that the mission statement is complete and presented a draft for goals. Discussion followed.

HOME SCHOOLING REQUESTS:

Superintendent Wallace recommended approval on the following requests to home school children:

-Christine Smaldone requested permission to home school Matthew at the Kindergarten level. Mr. Darcy made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Kim Soares requested permission to home school Joshua at the Kindergarten level. Mr. Darcy made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

‘06-’07 CALENDAR MODIFICATION:

Superintendent Wallace requested to modify the school calendar to reflect changes made at the Legislative level mandating that schools be closed for the Primary Elections, September 12. Mr. Darcy made a motion to accept the modified calendar as presented. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment was held, 7:26 p.m. - 7:34 p.m.

CONTRACTS:

This item was covered in executive session.

TEXT BOOK POLICY:

This item was tabled.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY:

First reading of proposed policy.

AED POLICY:

First reading of proposed policy.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

-Superintendent Wallace recommended the creation of a third Kindergarten class because of increased student enrollment. Ingrid Izzi would be a .5 full-time teacher. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Superintendent Wallace also noted that 305 students are registered this year, as compared with 308 last year.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Principal Moore reported that the building is 96% ready for opening day at this point, with most teachers reporting in and preparing their rooms. Superintendent Wallace recommended recognizing the custodians for their hard work in preparation for the school year. Mrs. Fountain moved the motion. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-Mr. Darcy made a motion to accept the executive session minutes from 6/15/06.

Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Mr. Darcy made a motion to accept the open session minutes from 6/15/06.

Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

-Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept Check Register 7/6/06 in the amount of \$63,302.26; Check Register 6/15/06 in the amounts of \$74,020.09, \$19,781.12; Check Register 7/19/07 in the amounts of \$25,864.45, \$201,513.38; Check Register 7/27/06 in the amount of \$32,750.34; Check Register 8/17/06 in the amount of \$64,740.34.

Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Text book policy
- Goals
- Parent involvement
- AED
- Full regionalization
- SIT
- Late bus
- Bus safety

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Darcy made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Submitted by Melanie M. Chace