

Foster School Committee Meeting
Captain Isaac Paine School Library
September 26, 2006 7PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

OPENING:

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. Chairwoman Mansolillo reported that no votes were taken in executive session but a resolution was introduced. This Resolution was read by Mrs. Fountain for consideration by the committee. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept the resolution. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. The Motion passed, 2-0-0.
(Attached)

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING ON FULL REGIONIZATION:

Regional School Committee Woman Lorraine O'Connors made a presentation to the public about the benefits for full regionalization. Mrs. O'Connors took questions from the public.

REQUESTS TO USE SCHOOL FACILITIES:

-Girl Scouts request use of the cafeteria on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3:15PM to 5:00PM. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

- Girl Scouts request use of the cafeteria on alternating Wednesday starting September 27th from 6PM to 8PM. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

- Girl Scouts request use of the lobby on September 14th from 5:30PM to 8PM for fall sign-ups. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

-Girl Scouts 168 request use of the café/teacher's lounge on alternating Wednesday starting September 27th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

-Cantering Colts request use of the cafeteria on the 1st Friday of the month from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

-Foster Recreation Committee request use of the cafeteria on October 27th from 5PM to 10PM for the Annual Halloween Dance. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

HOME SCHOOLING REQUESTS:

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

- Kevin Pelletier requests to home school his daughter Georgia Pelletier, grade 5. Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion Passed, 2-0-0.
- Gerald R. & Wendy K. Parenteau requests to home school their children Nathaniel R. Parenteau, Grade 4 and Amanda S. Parenteau, grade 3. Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion Passed, 2-0-0.
- Martha Thoman & Robert Thurber Jr. requests to home school their son Eryk Thoman-Thurber, grade 2. Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion Passed, 2-0-0.
- Julia Boyce requests to home school her daughter Julia Boyce in kindergarten. Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion Passed, 2-0-0.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. LoPiccolo, a parent, discussed a concern about a certain school bus driver and the safety of the children riding that bus. Mrs. LoPiccolo stated her concern was based on a phone call she had received from another parent about the bus driver. Mr. Wallace stated he was informed of the situation and would brief the School Committee during executive session. He asked that parents with concerns call him on Thursday, September 28th.

Mr. Beaudry explained that he is currently in the process of placing Automated External Defibrillators (AED) into the schools sites. He also stated there will be a policy and staff training on its use.

GOALS

Tabled

TEXTBOOK POLICY – 1ST READING

First reading of proposed policy (attached)

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY – 2ND READING

2ND reading of proposed policy. Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

AED POLICY – 1ST READING

Mr. Wallace asked the committee to disregard the last AED policy for a simpler version. This version of the policy will be the 1st reading. (Attached)

LATE BUS

No report.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Mr. Moore reported that the 1st meeting of the School Improvement Team will be on October 10th from 6-7PM.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- A Back to School night was held on September 14th. Parents and family members got a chance to listen about curriculum, teacher expectations, and projects throughout the year. Parents had many positive things to say about the school and staff.
- On September 21st, the school celebrated International Peace Day with a whole school activity called "Pinwheels for Peace." Students created pinwheels and wrote their thoughts about "war and peace / tolerance/ living in harmony with others" on one side. On the other side, the students either drew or painted as a way to visually express their feelings. Everyone then "planted" their pinwheels in front of the school so that spinning of the pinwheels in the wind spread our thoughts and feelings about peace throughout the country and the world!
- Also on September 21st Retro Bill visited our school. Retro Bill was brought to us through the DARE Program. His whole school show was very well received by the students. His message dealt with subjects such as self-esteem, respect and kindness.
- On September 28th PTG will be having a meeting in the Library at 7PM.
- State Testing will begin the week of October 2nd.
- Picture Day is October 12th.
- Grade level meeting with the Gloucester Elementary Schools have begun.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept the minutes from the Executive Session of 8/22/06, Executive Session of 9/13/06, Executive Session back-up notes of 9/26/06 and the Open Session Minutes of 8/22/06. Mrs. Mansolillo seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

-No warrants.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Text Book Policy, 2nd reading
- AED Policy, 2nd reading
- AED Cabinet and Cart purchase

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Mansolillo made a motion to recess back into executive session at 8:04PM.

Submitted by Gary G. Moore, Principal