

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

APRIL 25, 2006

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**OPENING:**

School Committee reconvened to open session from executive session at 7:13 p.m. Chairwoman Mansolillo reported no votes were taken in executive session. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

**FOSTER TEACHERS' ASSOC. CONTRACT:**

Chairwoman Mansolillo reported a 3-year contract, with all the teachers paying a co-share for health benefits, and by the end of the contract all teachers will be on HealthMate Coast to Coast. Wage increase will be median the first year, 2.5% increase on salary the second year, and 2.5% increase on salary the third year. Longevity for teachers 11 years and over and four professional development days are added to the contract. Mr. Darcy made a motion that the Foster School Committee ratify the attached contract between the Foster School Committee and Foster Teachers' Association, subject to, and contingent upon, successful ratification of the attached contract by the Foster Teachers' Association. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Superintendent Wallace had one communication from Ms. Santosuosso indicating her intent to return in September from her year-long leave of absence.

**USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:**

- Health and Wellness Committee requested the use of the library on April 27 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Fountain made a motion to approve. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
- Recreation Department requested to use the gym on Fridays, 4/11 to 6/30, with the exception of school vacation week and at the close of the school year. Mr. Darcy made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
- Swamp Meadow Community Theater requested use of the kitchen and cafeteria for a cast party on May 9. Mr. Darcy made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY:**

Mrs. Whitelaw submitted a bus safety presentation to the committee. Discussion followed. Police and the fire department need to review the plan. It was requested of Mrs. Whitelaw to update the committee with progress reports every month. Mrs. Fountain made a motion that the school committee agrees with the proposed safety program in principle and welcomes them to keep moving forward. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

No action.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

Mr. Darcy pointed out that the minutes reflect there is no mission statement because of the order of the vote. Chairwoman Mansolillo submitted her rendition of a mission statement. Mr. Darcy suggested they now have three statements to work with and possibly merge together.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment was held, 7:26 - 7:28.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal Moore reported the following:

- April 28 the PHS advanced science class will perform a demonstration for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- April 28, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will visit RIC to participate in a motor development class which focuses on movement analysis.
- May 10, Ms. Cosgrove's students will present "A Parade of Penguins" at 10:00 and 1:30.
- May 17, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will attend "Alice in Wonderland" by the PHS drama class.
- May 18 is Arts Night from 6:00 to 8:00.
- May 19, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will visit the State House.
- May 23 is Parents' Night at PMS.
- May 30, 1<sup>st</sup> graders will attend a Junie B. Jones play at the VMA.
- June 2, 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit PMS.

**'06-'07 CALENDAR:**

Superintendent Wallace presented the school year calendar and noted it is consistent with other communities and is mirrors the regional calendar. Mr. Darcy made a motion to approve the Foster Paine School '06-'07 calendar. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Wallace reiterated the reasons why the special education room was closed. He provided the committee with a summary of the budgetary considerations. After reviewing the numbers he believes the recommendation he made to the committee to close the special education room was justified.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mr. Darcy made a motion to accept the minutes from March 28, 2006. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Mr. Darcy pointed out that under School Department Attorney, Mr. Darcy never met with Ms. Carrol, and he never signed anything. He did indicate that he spoke with her on the telephone. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
- Mr. Darcy made a motion to accept the executive session minutes from March 22, 2006. Mrs. Fountain seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

-Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept check register 3/21/2006 for \$66,235.07. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Mrs. Fountain made a motion to accept check register 4/6/2006 for \$93,126.27. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Full regionalization.
- Mission statement.
- Bus safety.
- Recreation committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Fountain made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Darcy seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Submitted by Melanie M. Chace