

Foster School Committee Meeting  
Captain Isaac Paine School Library  
December 06, 2006 7PM (Rescheduled from November 28, 2006)

**ATTENDANCE:**

School Committee Members Dennis Chretien, Michael Paolucci, Ron Cervasio,  
Superintendent Robert Wallace, Principal Gary Moore

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 7:10PM

**SEATING NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE – SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

This was done previous to this meeting.

**COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Wallace asked for nominations for School Committee Chair; Mr. Chretien nominated Mr. Paolucci as Chair, Mr. Cervasio seconded. The nomination passed 3-0-0. Chairman Paolucci asked for a nomination for vice-chair, Mr. Cervasio nominated Mr. Chretien, Mr. Paolucci seconded. The nomination passed 3-0-0.

**PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

**SELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

This item will be addressed at the regional school committee meeting.

**SELECTION OF BUILDING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE FROM FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

This item will be addressed at the regional school committee meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Wallace asked the Committee to amend the agenda by addressing item #26 Approval of Minutes so that Ex-Chairperson Mrs. Mansolillo could approve them for the November 2006 School Committee Meeting. Mr. Wallace reported that Ex-School Committee Member Mr. Paul Darcy had reviewed both the Executive Session of October 11<sup>th</sup> and the Open Session of October 24<sup>th</sup> minutes and approved of them. Mrs. Mansolillo stated she approved the minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to approve the meetings based on Mrs. Mansolillo and Mr. Darcy’s approval. Mr. Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

**MINUTES/SECRETARY**

Because Mrs. Chase, current school committee secretary, was not present this item was tabled to the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**DISCLOSURE OF VOTES TAKEN**

No votes were taken in Executive Session

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Chretien announced that he had received a communication from a parent about starting a pre-1 classroom. Mr. Wallace asked that this be placed on future agenda items. Mr. Cervasio also requested that the financial implications be discussed.

#### HOME SCHOOLING REQUESTS:

Superintendent Wallace recommended approval on the following request to home school:  
-Nancy L. Wolf-Jensen requests to home school her son Brian James Wolf-Jensen, grade 5. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion Passed, 3-0-0.

#### REQUESTS TO USE SCHOOL FACILITIES:

Mr. Wallace recommended the following requests for approval:

1. Girl Scouts Troop 1003 request use of the café/teacher's lounge on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month for monthly girl scouts meeting Mr.Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
2. The Foster Recreation Department requests the use of the cafeteria on Wednesday evenings in January from 7PM to 9PM. Mr.Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
3. -The Foster Town Council requests the use of the cafeteria on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM to 10:30PM for a council meeting and swearing in ceremony. Mr.Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Mr. Cervasio opposed. Motion passed, 2-0-1.
4. Canterng Colts request use of the cafeteria on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30PM to 9:30PM. Mr.Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
5. The Foster Parent Teacher Group requests the use of the gym, cafeteria, and kitchen on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for Breakfast with Santa. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was held during which the school committee discussed audience participation. Mr. Chretien stated that he would like the public to be able comment on any topic being discussed that matched the agenda. Mr. Chretien also asked that this be addressed in a policy. Mr. Cervasio also stated that he agreed the public should be allowed to speak about any item as well as having public comment as the first item. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept Mr. Chretien suggestion to allow the public to speak to items on the agenda. Mr. Chretien seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

#### AED POLICY – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Mr. Wallace recommended the committee approve the AED Policy. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve the AED Policy. Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

### UNIVERSAL PRECAUTION POLICY – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

This was the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Universal Precaution Policy. This item will be a future agenda item for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

This item was discussed during Public Comment.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Mr. Cervasio discussed the benefits of introducing a foreign language into the Foster and Gloucester Elementary schools, as well as the Middle School. Mr. Cervasio also explained that he had spoken with Dr. Michael Barnes, Curriculum Director for the Regional Schools about splitting the time of a foreign language teacher between the districts. The committee asked Mr. Wallace to contact Dr. Barnes and Superintendent Crillo about this possibility. Mr. Cervasio asked that this be a future agenda item.

### POLICY BOOK

Mr. Chretien recommended that the policy book be reviewed by the committee one section at a time to update or delete policies. Mr. Cervasio suggested that State and Federal policies be removed from the policy book also. Mr. Cervasio recommended that a school committee member begin this process and nominated Mr. Chretien. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to have Mr. Chretien begin the process of removing the state and federal policies from the Foster School department's policy book. Mr. Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

### TRUANT OFFICER

Mr. Wallace informed the Committee that according to RI General Law 16-19-3, School Committees are required to annually appoint a Truant Officer. Mr. Wallace recommended that the school's current DARE officer, Officer Sam Mooney, be appointed as Truant Officer. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

### IN\$ITE REPORT

Mr. Wallace provided the Committee with the In\$ite Report. Mr. Wallace explained that this report is part of an annual audit that is forwarded to the Rhode Island Department of Education and must be signed by the chairperson of the school committee. Mr. Wallace asked the Committee to approve the In\$ite report. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the In\$ite report. Mr. Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

### DECEMBER MEETING

Mr. Wallace reported that because the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month falls during the school's winter break, the December School Committee Meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Moore reported that there will be a Learning Celebration on December 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 2PM. As part of the After School program, The Paine Panther Players will perform 2

shows on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10AM and 1:30PM. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will again participate in our annual cookie drive. These students will be making cookies trays that will be distributed to families by the Foster Human services department. Winter break will be from December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The superintendent presented the committee with the 2007-2008 school budget. This budget is \$4, 217,477 which is an increase of 5.23 percent.
- Mr. Wallace recommended that boiler replacement be submitted to the town as part of the Capital Expenditure Budget. This budget is due to the town by December 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept Mr. Wallace's recommendation. Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.
- Mr. Wallace asked that a member of the school committee serve as chair for a committee for health and wellness. This committee's focus will be on childhood obesity, the health curriculum, physical activity, etc. Mr. Chretien asked Mr. Cervasio to serve a health and wellness committee chair due to his expertise in this field.
- Mr. Wallace informed the committee that on January 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop for new school committee members at Rhode Island College.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item discussed earlier

#### APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the warrants as presented. Mr. Cervasio seconded, the motion passed 3-0-0.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Video Taping Meetings
- Universal Procedures 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Foreign Language
- Pre-first Classroom
- School Committee Secretary
- Public Comment Policy
- Regional School Committee Meeting in Foster
- Publicizing School Committee activities on the web site

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to recess back into executive session at 8:52PM with Mr. Chretien seconding. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Gary G. Moore, Principal