

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

DECEMBER 19, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Michael Paolucci, Vice Chair Dennis Chretien, Member Ron Cervasio, Superintendent Robert Wallace, Principal Gary Moore.

OPENING:

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. The floor was opened for public comment from 7:08 to 7:09 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

-Mr. Chretien mentioned that Carol McCullough from the Foster Home Journal is willing to publish school info as a public service.

-Mr. Cervasio spoke to the new highway director about the parking in front of the school, and he hopes to have an estimate submitted for the capital budget.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

No requests.

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS:

Mr. Chretien made a motion to adopt the policy as read. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

POLICY #4114.1 (No Smoking):

Mr. Wallace presented the current policy with supplemental material attached.

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the policy as stated. Mr. Chretien seconded.

Motion passed, 3-0-0.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SECRETARY:

No change.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

Superintendent Wallace, as requested at the previous meeting, looked into the cost associated with hiring a language teacher at Paine, along with the Gloucester schools. The cost would be between \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year, and the superintendent does not think that amount can be supported in the budget this year. Mr. Chretien wondered about any grant money available. Another possibility would be in the form of an after-school program. No action was taken on this item.

POLICY BOOK:

Mr. Chretien reviewed the policy book and reported that there are 53 district policies, and the remaining are federal and state policies. Mr. Paolucci made a motion for each member to review three policies, for a total of nine, for the next meeting. Superintendent Wallace suggested each member review ten policies between meetings. Mr. Cervasio

made a motion to review ten policies per member per meeting, with Mr. Chretien taking the first ten, Mr. Paolucci taking the second ten, and Mr. Cervasio taking the third ten, and report back at the school committee meetings with recommendations. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

VIDEOTAPE:

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to videotape the committee meetings and they be stored for one year. Mr. Chretien seconded and amended the motion to be for the rest of the fiscal year and a review at that time as to how things are working out. Mr. Cervasio seconded the amendment. Amendment passed, 3-0-0. Main motion passed, 3-0-0.

PUBLICITY:

This item was covered in Communications.

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Superintendent Wallace presented a school committee meeting schedule for 2007. Mr. Paolucci made a motion to accept as presented. Mr. Chretien seconded. Principal Moore pointed out a typo, April 26 is a Thursday, that should read April 24. Motion passed, 3-0-0 with the typo so noted.

'07-'08 BUDGET:

Superintendent Wallace reported the proposed budget was presented at a budget workshop held previous to the committee meeting. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the preliminary budget for further review having to do with contractual negotiations. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

Superintendent Wallace reported that he has forwarded a copy of the proposed capital budget regarding new boilers to the planning board.

PRE-1 CLASS:

Superintendent Wallace presented his thoughts thus far on this subject. Discussion followed. No action was taken on this item.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Principal Moore reported that on 12/21/06 Paine Panther Players will present "Moose's First Winter."
- Ms. Rothberg reported on four grants applied for and received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

No report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the minutes from the 12/6/06 open session and executive session as submitted. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve Check Registers 11/30/06 and 12/6/06 as received. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- All-Day K funds
- Late bus
- Capital budget

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to recess into executive session at 8:29 p.m. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Submitted by Melanie M. Chace