

Foster School Committee Meeting  
Captain Isaac Paine School Library  
Executive Session- 6:30 PM

November 27, 2007  
Open Session – 7:00 PM

**CONVENE MEETING:**

Meeting was reconvened from executive session at 7:00PM

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairman Michael Paolucci, Vice Chair Dennis Chretien, Committee Member Ron Cervasio, Superintendent Wallace, Principal Moore

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited. Chairman Paolucci reported that no votes were taken in executive session.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

-Mr. Wallace reported that parking lanes had been painted in the southwest parking lot. This will allow for the parking of approximately 34 cars.

-Mr. Cervasio reported that at the last regional School Committee meeting the Foster School Committee and two Gloucester School Committee members voted to divest the Foster/Glocester Regional Superintendent from the Gloucester School System.

**BUDGET 08-09:**

-Superintendent Wallace presented a second draft of the 2008/2009 budget. He reported that this budget was \$8,600 dollars less than the first draft. Mr. Wallace stated that a number of lines had decreased based on new information recently received, the most significant decrease is found in health insurance. He also stated that some items were added to the budget because they were inadvertently omitted from the first draft. These items total \$56,616 dollars and include a .5 kindergarten teacher. Mr. Wallace stated that this budget is still over the 5% cap. He also reported that there will be a budget workshop on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

**USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:**

-Glocester Little League request use of the gymnasium starting 1/10/08 until 3/13/08 once a week on Thursday. Mr. Wallace recommended approval. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

-Foster PTG request use of the Cafeteria and Gym for Breakfast with Santa on 12/01/08. Mr. Wallace recommended approval. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

-Pack 101 Cub Scouts request use of the Cafeteria on 3/28/08 for Blue and Gold Ceremony. Mr. Wallace recommended approval. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

- Chairman Paolucci reported that he and Mr. Wallace had met will Dr. Cirillo, Superintendent of the Foster/Glocester Schools, regarding bus issues with regional

students. It was decided that any issues that may arise in the transportation of regional school students will be the responsibility of regional administration.

#### ADVERTISING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA:

-No information at this time.

CAPITAL BUDGET: Mr. Wallace presented three Capital Projects for adoption by the School Committee and presentation to the Planning Board on January 16, 2008;

1. \$15,000 dollars to pave parking area in front of the school
2. \$25,000 dollars to complete installation of digital heating controls
3. \$25,000 dollars for roof repair

-Mr. Chretien made a motion to adopt the Capital Budget Projects. Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

-Mr. Cervasio asked that prior roof repairs be checked into by Mr. McGovern.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

-Mr. Moore reported that a Family Library Night will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM. He also reported that there will be a Learning Celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

-Mr. Wallace recognized two staff members for their contributions to the school. Mrs. Walsh was commended for spearheading a used ink cartridge recycling drive. The money made from this was used to purchase two digital cameras for the school. Mrs. Rothberg was also commended for her work with the Scituate Rotary. The Scituate Rotary provided the school with 5 DVD/VCR players at no cost to the school.

-Mr. Wallace reported on the school's wish list for technology, as prepared by Mrs. Walsh, Assistant to the Superintendent for Technology. This list includes \$50,000 dollars for computers, \$519.00 dollars for software, and \$11,250 dollars for DVD/VCR/TV for each classroom and \$1,575 dollars for classroom headphones. Mr. Cervasio discussed the possibility of leasing computers instead of buying and Mr. Chretien discussed using new computer/servers to link the older computers currently in the school making them terminals for the computer/server.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the executive session minutes from October 23, 2007. Chairman Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 2-1-0.

-Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the regular session minutes from October 23, 2007. Chairman Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 2-1-0.

#### APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept check register dated 11/1/2007 and 11/15/2007 as presented. seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Tuition for non-resident students
2. 08-09 Budget
3. Technology
4. State Funding

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to adjourn at 7:35PM. Chairman Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Gary Moore