

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

MARCH 27, 2007

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**OPENING:**

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. The floor was opened for public comment from 7:02 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Superintendent Wallace reported on one letter from parents expressing displeasure with the new morning procedure concerning busses and arrivals. Principal Moore responded that there was some confusion with the implementation of the new routine, but the situation has improved.

**USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:**

No requests.

**TEST SCORES:**

Presentation by Ms. Seitler.

**BUS ROUTES:**

This item was taken out of order. Discussion with Ms. Catula.

**MEDICATION POLICY:**

One modification in terms of clarification was made to the text. Mr. Chretien made a motion to adopt the revised policy. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

**EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY:**

Mr. Chretien made a motion to adopt Policy 416.1 as written. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

**BULLYING POLICY:**

Mr. Chretien moved to table this item. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

**ADVERTISING COMMITTEE:**

Superintendent Wallace reported that he was in contact with Attorney Bevilaqua regarding the issue concerning advertising school committee meetings in the *Providence Journal* as opposed to the *Bargain Buyer*. The attorney then was in contact with the Attorney General's office relaying information. The Attorney General's office requested the information in writing, and they will look at the issue.

**POLICY REVIEW:**

Superintendent Wallace suggested the review of the next 30 policies in the same manner that was previously done. Policy 4116 through 5144.1 will be reviewed by the members of the committee and any revision or correction needed will be brought to the other members' attention.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE INITIATIVES:**

Superintendent Wallace reviewed the original budget and the resulting revisions thereto. He is looking into ways to fund the school committee initiatives (Special Education Staffing, Foreign Language, PE/Health) in the amount of \$75,000 to \$80,000. At this time the superintendent is still waiting to hear from the town treasurer for final confirmation on the budget from the town council. He suggests taking no action until he has confirmation on the budget. Discussion followed.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal Moore reported on the Spelling Bee competition winners; the Spring Food Drive is March 19-30; Cultural Arts Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser dance on March 30, 7-10. He also reported that the after-school programs are in session. Also, five people have been trained in the use of CPR and the Auto Defibrillator.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

See School Committee Initiatives.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the minutes from February 27, 2007 as presented. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept Check Registers from February 28, 2007 and March 8, 2007 as submitted. Mr. Paolucci seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Website postings
- School Committee Initiatives
- Advertising
- Review of policies

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Paolucci made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

Submitted by Melanie M. Chace