

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

AUGUST 28, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

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

OPENING:

Chairman Paolucci reported no votes were taken in executive session. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. The floor was opened for public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Wallace reported on a communication from Kim Maddelena. See Superintendent's report.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

-Swamp Meadow Community Theater requested use of the cafeteria on a variety of nights, their paperwork is in order. Mr. Chretien moved to approve the request.

Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-SMCT requested use of the cafeteria on a variety of days, their paperwork is in order.

Mr. Cervasio moved to approve the request. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Girl Scouts of RI requested use of the teachers' room. Mr. Cervasio moved to approve the request. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-GSRI requested use of the cafeteria. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-GSRI requested use of the lobby area on 9/6/07 for registration. Mr. Chretien moved to approve the request. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

ADVERTISING AGENDA:

Superintendent has had no contact from the town solicitor. He will attempt to communicate with him again on this matter.

BUS MONITORS/STUDENT TRANSPORTATION:

Discussion was held. No action taken.

DUAL POSITIONS:

Discussion was held in regard to combining the superintendent position and the principal position. No action was taken.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH:

Superintendent Wallace has agreed to stay on as superintendent. Mr. Chretien made a motion to inform Mr. Wallace that we are requesting his services. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

RESOURCE OFFICER:

Discussion was held in regard to a resource officer at the high school.

POLICY REVIEW:

-Superintendent Wallace recommended Policy 6155 have “Glocester regional” stricken from the title. Also in the second paragraph, strike “Glocester regional” and the same in Policy Statement 2. Also eliminate Number 6.

-Policy 6161, items listed in parenthesis on Page 3 should be on Page 1.

-Policy 6162, change to a one sentence policy.

-Policy 9000, Number A3(b) eliminate “and to review and approve routine warrants between regular school committee meetings as delegated by the chair.”

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the recommended changes. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

POLICY REVIEW RANDOM:

Superintendent Wallace distributed new copies of updated policies to be placed in school committee members’ manuals. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the recommendation of the superintendent. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

POLICY MODIFICATIONS:

First readings for Policy Numbers 6162, 5111.2, 5144.1, 5140.1A, 5131.2 Second reading for Policy Number 5101. Mr. Chretien moved to accept 5101 as written.

Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Superintendent Wallace recommended distributing the Wellness Policy as a first reading and returning to the next meeting with suggestions, if any, for change.

-Superintendent Wallace recommended tabling Policy 5131.2. Mr. Cervasio moved the motion. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0. Mr. Cervasio requested to amend the motion. Mr. Chretien withdrew his second. Mr. Cervasio would like the policy distributed to parents. Principal Moore informed the committee that the policy is in the Student Handbooks. Mr. Chretien renewed this second. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

HOME SCHOOLING REQUESTS:

Superintendent Wallace recommended the following requests be approved:

-Mr./Mrs. Parento in re: Nathaniel and Amanda. Mr. Chretien moved to approve.

Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Mr./Mrs. Soares in re: Joshua. Mr. Cervasio moved to approve. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Mr./Mrs. Boyce in re: Kendra and Julia. Mr. Chretien moved to approve. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Mr./Mrs. Pelletier in re: (not stated). Mr. Cervasio moved to approve. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

-Mr./Mrs. Tolman-Thurber in re: Eric. Mr. Cervasio moved to approve. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

RIGL 16-38-6:

In accordance with the law, Superintendent Wallace would like to research the issue of

distributing material from outside sources within the school, and may suggest a policy addressing such.

HOT LUNCH PRICE:

Superintendent Wallace reported on communication with Sodexo Food Service regarding lunch prices going up. Discussion followed. Chairman Paolucci made a motion to set the price at \$2.00. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

PLAYGROUND:

Superintendent Wallace reported on concerns regarding the age and safety of the playground. He recommended getting quotes from playground manufacturers to replace the wooden structure with plastic and metal equipment to be replaced over a course of years. Mr. Cervasio disagreed with that idea, and is going to talk to the town about the situation. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Moore reported that a workshop for the reading and math programs will be held on August 28; August 29 is staff orientation; August 30 is the first day of school. He also praised the building staff for all their hard work over the summer months.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Wallace reported on the following items:

- Permission to hire Pamela Del Vecchio as a part-time foreign language teacher. Mr. Chretien made a motion to approve. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
 - Approval of requested medical leave of absence for Kim Maddelena. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to approve. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
 - The school is in compliance with the peanut allergy laws and regulations.
 - Fifteen fire drills are scheduled over the course of the year. Two will be lock-down drills, and two will be evacuation drills.
 - Received and extension of the Rural Grant worth \$14,067 for after-school programs.
 - Teachers have been asked for ideas in regard to "sprucing up" the guardrail, teachers will be encouraged to park their cars in that area.
- Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the Superintendent's report. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the minutes of May 22, open session, June 12 open session, and May 22 executive session as written. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the warrants dated May 22, May 24 (two), June 26 (two), July 26, and July 30 (two). Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Bus routes

- School Committee ads
- Principal/superintendent position
- Technology update
- Foreign language update
- Boiler
- School start times

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Melanie M. Chace