

Foster School Committee Meeting  
Captain Isaac Paine School Library  
Executive Session- 6:00 PM

February 26, 2008  
Open Session – 7:00 PM

**CONVENE MEETING:**

-Meeting was reconvened from executive session at 7:04PM

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman Paolucci reported that no votes were taken in executive session.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

-The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mr. Wallace reported a communication from the Foster Planning Board approving \$60,000 of a \$65,000 Capital Budget request for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
- The Superintendent reported a communication from Mrs. Melanie Chace resigning from her position as School Committee Secretary.
- Mr. Wallace reported a communication from Karen Berard-Reed thanking three Paine School faculty members for serving as cooperating teachers for students participating in the Health education Practicum course at Rhode Island College. The teachers are Cathy Santosuosso, Cheryl Depetrillo, and Danielle Ford.

**REQUEST TO USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:**

-None requested

**TECHNOLOGY:**

No new information to present.

**STATE TESTING:**

Mrs. Seitler reported that Paine students continued to do well in the NECAP State Testing. Students made gains in reading, writing, and mathematics. Currently, 78% of the students tested were proficient in reading, 76% in mathematics, and 84% in writing.

**MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Paolucci reported that the School Committee met with the Town Council to discuss the financial situation of both the regional school district and Paine School.

**BUDGET 08-09:**

-Superintendent Wallace reported during the School Committee meeting with the Town Council the following items were discussed; the cost of the yearly audit, \$7,500, will be paid for by the Town and that there will be a saving in health benefits of \$12,000. Currently the budget is \$84,000 over the 5% cap. In addition, there is going to be \$209,000 less in state aide to Foster.

**NON-RESIDENT TUITION:**

-Mr. Wallace reported that the current per-pupil cost for students at Paine School is \$15,500 including transportation. He recommended that since non-resident students would not be transported to and from school, and that tuitioning non-resident students would not increase the school budget, tuition of \$8,500 would be appropriate. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation. Mr. Chretien seconded. After discussion, it was decided that more information was needed, so Mr. Cervasio withdrew his motion and Mr. Chretien seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to table this item. Mr. Chretien seconded. The motion to table passed, 3-0-0.

**ADVERTISING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA:**

-No information at this time.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Paine school is participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Rothberg will be hosting a Family Library Night in Honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday.
- In honor of March's Music in our Schools Month, which is a nation-wide focus on the importance of music education in schools, Mrs. Jones will be having weekly musical programs.
- Kindergarten registration is happen on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Superintendent Wallace, pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 16-13-2, recommended the employment for Nancy O'Hare be non-renewed for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 2-1-0. Chairman Paolucci dissenting.
- Superintendent Wallace, pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 16-13-2, recommended the employment for Helen Dixon be non-renewed for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 2-1-0. Chairman Paolucci dissenting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the minutes from the open session on 12/18/07. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
- Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the minutes from the open and executive sessions on 1/22/08. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

- Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the December warrant #10, warrant #11, and warrant # 12 as written. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.
- Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the January warrant #13 and #14 as written. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Technology
- 08-09 School Budget
- Non-Resident Tuition
- Ink Cartridges
- School Committee Meeting Advertising

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Mr. Cervasio made a motion to adjourn at 8:21PM. Chairman Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Gary Moore