

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

January 22, 2008  
Open Session – 7:00 PM

**CONVENE MEETING:**

Meeting was reconvened from executive session at 7:01PM

**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 that the Ponaganset Energy Saving Team (P.E.S.T) asked to be placed on the agenda to share with the community a project that they had worked on as part of the First Lego league competition.

**PONGANSET FIRST LEGO LEAGUE**

-Ponaganset students, all students formally from Paine School, presented their project of a clean alternate for the Foster school buses. This project was part of the First Lego League competition.

**POLICY 5118 – NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS, 2<sup>ND</sup> READING:**

Policy 5118 had a second reading and was adopted. Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept Policy 5118. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**BUDGET 08-09:**

-Superintendent Wallace reported that the current budget now reflects an increase of \$12,277 in the heating fuel line.

**TECHNOLOGY:**

-Mrs. Walsh discussed with the School Committee the lack of technology grants available for elementary schools. Most grants now focus on middle and high schools that lack technology for students. Mr. Creitian reported that he is still in the research phase of the benefits of having a centralized computer system for the school.

**IN\$ITE – SUMMARY AND SIGNING:**

-Mr. Wallace reported that the per-pupil-cost reported to In\$ite is \$15,500 and that Chairman Paolucci had signed the report.

**MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

-Committee Member Cervasio asked that the School Committee met with the Foster Town Council and ask them to draft a letter urging the Gloucester Town Council pay their share of the increase, as voted on by the taxpayers, for the Regional School District. According to Mr. Cervasio, the Town of Gloucester currently owes \$470,000 to the

Regional School District. Mr. Cervasio also asked that since Mr. Bevilacqua, town solicitor, represents both towns that there is a conflict of interest and that Mr. Bevelacqua should step down. Mr. Paolucci made a motion to meet with the Foster Town Council. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE UPDATE:**

-Mr. Wallace reported that the language program has been very successful and that the students are doing wonderfully. Fourth and fifth grade students have just completed half a year of French instruction and are now learning Spanish.

**REQUEST TO USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:**

-Mr. Wallace recommended approval for Swamp Meadow Theatre Group use of the cafeteria for various days in June and August. Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept with Mr. Cervasio seconding. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

**ADVERTISING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA:**

-No information at this time.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

-Principal Moore reported that the Moosup Valley grange donated dictionaries to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Grade 3 students have also been learning about the skeletal system and are preparing for first Lego league in May. The district will be holding a Spelling Bee on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Ponaganset Middle School.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

-Superintendent Wallace, pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 16-13-2, recommended the employment for Rebecca Sullivan be non-renewed for the 2008-2009 school year. Superintendent Wallace, pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 16-13-2 and 16-16-24, also recommended the employment for William Barney and Pamela DelVecchio be non-renewed for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Paolucci made a motion to accept the recommendations with regret. Mr. Chretien seconded. Motion passed, 2-1-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

-Minutes were not available. Tabled to the February School Committee Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

-Table to the February School Committee Meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Technology
- 08-09 School Budget
- Meeting with the Town Council
- be non-renewed for the 2008-2009 school year Non-Resident Policy
- School Committee Meeting Advertising

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Cervasio made a motion to adjourn at 8:18PM. Chairman Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Gary Moore