

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

March 25, 2008
Open Session – 7:00 PM

CONVENE MEETING:

-Meeting was convened at 7:00PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Paolucci reported there was no executive session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

-The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

COMMUNICATIONS:

-Mr. Wallace reported no communications.

REQUEST TO USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

-None requested

TECHNOLOGY:

No new information to present.

BOILER REPACEMENT/BID APPROVAL

-Mr. Wallace reported that 2 bids were received for boiler replacement. Industrial Burner’s bid was \$73,850 and J. Coyne and Company’s bid was \$128,700. Mr. Wallace recommended the bid from Industrial Burner be accepted. Mr. Paolucci made a motion to accept Industrial Burner’s bid, Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

TUTION COST:

-Mr. Wallace reported that seventeen schools were contacted and after calculation of median and mean tuition cost, he recommended a tuition cost of \$5,000 per student. After discussing some of the issues in tutoring non-resident students, Mr. Paolucci made a motion to table this item until a more in-depth look was done on requirements for tutoring students into the school. He also asked that Mr. Piccirilli, legal counsel for the Regional School District, assist in the development of a policy on tuition, as well as developing a tuition contract for parents. Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

ADVERTISING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

-Mr. Wallace reported that the Attorney General’s Office had notified Mr. Bevilaqua that its initial decision regarding advertising in a newspaper of general circulation will not be changed.

BUDGET 08-09:

-Mr. Wallace reported that there were two major revisions to the budget. First, Blue Cross was reduced by \$32,778, along with an anticipated carry-over of \$38,734, totaling \$71,512. This amount reduces the amount that the school's budget is over the 5% cap to \$13,308. The superintendent also reported some unforeseen expenses in increases in tuitioned students for the 2008-2009 school year. Currently, there is one student that is in a half-time program this year and will be in a full time program next year at a cost of an additional \$13,840. There is also 3 other students in programs that will increase by an additional \$500 each adding \$1,500. These added tuition expenses total \$14,890, making the total amount that the budget must be reduced \$28,198. Mr. Paolucci made a motion to accept the superintendent's revisions to the 08-09 budget, Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

PERFORMANCE BOND / LAIDLAW

-Mr. Wallace reported that as part of the contract with Laidlaw a performance bond of \$4,500 is required. Mr. Wallace recommended that this bond be terminated saving the school system \$4,500. Mr. Paolucci made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation with Mr. Cervasio seconding. The motion passed 3-0-0.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- The School exceeded its "Pennies for Patients" goal of \$900 by raising over \$1,400.
- Mrs. Jones will be holding another musical performance on March 27th featuring the 5th grade and the Paine School Chorus.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

-No report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept the minutes from the February School Committee meeting on 2/26/08. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

-Mr. Chretien made a motion to table the warrants until the April meeting to resolve some questions. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Technology
- 08-09 School Budget
- Non-Resident Tuition
- Warrants

ADJOURNMENT:

-Mr. Cervasio made a motion to adjourn at 7:59PM. Chairman Paolucci seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Gary Moore