

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Captain Isaac Paine School Library
May 27, 2008

Executive Session – 6:30 PM
Open Session – 7:00 PM

CONVENE MEETING:

§ Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

§ The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

§ Chairman Paolucci stated that votes were taken 3-0-0 for the teacher’s contract at Paine School

COMMUNICATIONS:

- § Mr. Wallace stated that the President and Co-President of the Association were present to sign the contract.
- § Vice Chair Chretien stated that Step 11 should be edited to reflect proper decimal point.
- § The contract was signed by all parties.
- § Mr. Wallace reported received correspondence from Nancy Johnston, Director of the Department of Human Services for the Town of Glocester, requesting the participation of the Paine School in the Spring Food Drive. The Paine School response to the food drive was positive and just another example of the climate of the Paine School.
- § Mr. Wallace reported that he received a letter of resignation/retirement of Linda Ogulewicz which will be addressed in the Superintendent’s Report
- § Vice Chair Chretien stated that he received communication from Kelvin Fernandez a parent and an employee of Nordson Corporation who do educational grants and maybe they would be helpful to us.

REQUEST TO USE SCHOOL FACILITIES:

§ Mr. Wallace reported that the Foster Recreation Committee is asking to use the cafeteria on June 13, 2008, for registration purposes. Their paperwork is in order and Mr. Wallace recommends approval. Mr. Chretien made a motion to accept, Mr. Cervasio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

TECHNOLOGY:

§ No new information to present.

CAPTAIN ISAAC PAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

§ Chairman Paolucci lead a discussion on starting a scholarship to help those students graduating from the Region to help with either books, tuition etc. Mr. Paolucci would like to have listed as criteria that the student at least goes through K – 5 at Paine School

and go on to the Region. Mr. Cervasio not in favor of this. Would like this done at the Regional level. Vice Chair Chretien made a suggestion that it be a graduating senior from the Region who came from Paine School. All agreed on this. Discussion was made as to how money was going to be obtained. Mr. Cervasio said this would be a very difficult task. After much discussion, Vice Chair Paolucci asked if this item could be kept on the agenda and kept being discussed for further ideas.

BOILER UPDATE:

§ Mr. Wallace reviewed that monies for the boiler replacement were approved at the May 2007 Financial Town Meeting. The RFP for the boiler replacement was sent out in January 2008 and the School Committee approved the \$73,850.00 bid from Industrial Burner at the March 25, 2008 meeting. Mr. Wallace notified Mr. McGovern on March 27, 2008, to move forward with the project which has been done. The anticipated delivery date for the boiler was May 27, 2008. Mr. Wallace placed a call to Mr. McGovern on May 27, 2008, to find out if the scheduling was on target. Mr. Wallace has not received a call back yet. Expects a call back probably later in the evening of May 27, 2008. Barring the unforeseen, the boiler should be on sight shortly. Mr. Wallace will then schedule with Industrial Burner the time frame for the removal of the old boiler and the installation of the new boiler. The plan is to have this done after school hours and on weekends. Anticipated to be completed in 2 – 3 weeks. Mr. Wallace feels that they are not behind schedule because we want the disassembly of the old boiler when we are certain that the heating season is over.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

§ Vice Chair Chretien moved that the 2008-09 calendar be accepted as presented. Mr. Cervasio seconded for discussion. We will be following the Region's opening day of the 8th of September 2008. This needs to be done so we will finish the Region on time so that reimbursement from the State will happen and taxes won't go up. After much discussion, Mr. Wallace recommended that the committee approve the calendar pending a review of the regional calendar. Mr. Cervasio removed his second and Vice Chair Chretien withdraws his motion. A new motion was made by Vice Chair Chretien to follow the regional calendar as presented, Mr. Cervasio seconded. Vote taken 3-0-0.

TUITION POLICY:

§ Policy #5119, Non-Resident Student Tuition Policy, 2nd reading. Vice Chair Chretien moved to accept Policy #5119, seconded by Mr. Cervasio. Vote 3-0-0.

TUITION FEES:

§ Mr. Wallace recommends that before movement is made to accept tuition students and set tuition costs, we wait for legal opinion from the Town Solicitor and then move accordingly. Chairman Paolucci suggested that an Informational Night be scheduled for June 10, 2008. Mr. Cervasio suggested that an informational letter be sent out on the tuition fees rather than an informational meeting that only a few people would attend.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

§ Principal Moore reported that Mrs. Portney organized her Walk-A-Thon for Cancer in honor of Ray Veino and Eileen Ingel starting at 9:15 a.m. on June 11, 2008, everyone is welcome.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- § Superintendent Wallace recommends the action of the School Committee on February 26, 2008, to non-renew the employment of Nancy O’Hare for the 2008-2009 school year be rescinded. Motion by Mr. Cervasio, seconded by Vice Chair Chretien. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- § Superintendent Wallace recommends the action of the School Committee on February 26, 2008, to non-renew the employment of Helen Dixon for the 2008-2009 school year by rescinded. Motion by Mr. Cervasio, seconded by Vice Chair Chretien. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- § Superintendent Wallace recommends the resignation / retirement of Linda Ogulewicz by accepted with regret. Motion by Mr. Cervasio, seconded by Vice Chair Chretien. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- § Superintendent Wallace recommends the action of the School Committee on January 22, 2008, to non-renew the employment of Rebecca Sullivan for the 2008-2009 school year by rescinded. Motion by Mr. Cervasio, seconded by Vice Chair Chretien. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- § Superintendent Wallace in accordance with R.I.G.L. 16-16-24 seeks the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Pamela DeIVecchio as a part-time (2 days per week) Foreign Language teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion by Chairman Paolucci to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Wallace to hire Pamela DeIVecchio as a Foreign Language teacher. Motion by Vice Chair Chretien, seconded by Mr. Cervasio. Motion passed 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- § Mr. Cervasio made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 22, 2008 open session 7:00 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair Chretien. Motion passed 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

- § Check register dated April 30, 2008, in the amount of \$152,384.43 and check register dated May 19, 2008, in the amount of \$118,125.39. Seconded by Mr. Cervasio. The motion passed 3-0-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- § Technology
- § Tuition students
- § Paine Scholarship Fund
- § Per pupil cost for the town
- § Informational meetings relating to tuition students

ADJOURNMENT:

- § Vice Chair Chretien made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Cervasio seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Karen L. Shewcov

