

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Captain Isaac Paine School Library
June 10, 2008

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

CONVENE MEETING:

§ Meeting was convened at 7:05 PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

§ The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

§ Chairman Paolucci stated that votes were taken 2 yes-1 absent to give the Business Manager and the Superintendent a 2% raise.

COMMUNICATIONS:

§ Mr. Wallace reported there were no communications.

REQUEST TO USE SCHOOL FACILITIES:

§ Mr. Wallace reported that there were two requests, one extended request, from the Swan Meadow Theater to use the cafeteria, kitchen and three (3) classrooms for the months September through December on the first request and from January through May on the second request. Mr. Wallace recommended approval for each of the dates listed with the exception of the first three (3) dates in September 2, 3 and 4 from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM. During that time that section of the building is being cleaned. Mr. Wallace recommended as an alternative to be communicated to the Paine Swan Theater is that they could use the cafeteria three (3) days the following week, which is actually the first week of school. Vice Chair Chretien voted to approve Mr. Wallace’s recommendations with the modifications, seconded by Chair Paolucci. Chair Paolucci also stated to make sure that Swan Meadow receives notice of the date changes.

ARAMARK EDUCATION:

§ Beth Emery and Scott Donnigan made a brief presentation of their food service program indicating low costs, would retain employees and benefits and just wanting to provide good healthy meals to the students. They explained that this being a State wide program they are required to offer fresh produce and vegetables, everything must be wholegrain. Their program would look at improving the retail look or merchandising of the product and increasing the variety with a couple of more options.

TECHNOLOGY:

§ No new information to present.

CAPTAIN ISAAC PAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

§ Chairman Paolucci indicated that under Mr. Wallace’s recommendation they are in the process of forming a committee. Chairman Paolucci indicated that his wife, Judy volunteered to be a part of this committee. Mr. Wallace indicated that after discussion he has asked three (3) teachers, Nancy O’Hare, Maureen Macatee and Dawn Bergstrom to be on the committee and they have all agreed to do so. All three members are on the faculty and also residents of Foster. They will meet at their discretion maybe four or five times and then report back to the School Committee in September or no later than October. This committee would work on a format on how they would collect money and organize fundraisers. Mr. Wallace would like to see them do a feasibility study, try to identify some potential pitfalls to the program and potential solutions, develop guidelines for the program, suggest some fundraising activities, deal with the administrative structure of the program and check on legal issues that might arise. Vice Chairman Chretien suggested that they contact groups i.e. Rhode Island Foundation and Alan Shawn Feinstein organization for help in managing the funds or matching. Mr. Wallace would like one of the teachers to be the point person of the organization.

TUITION STUDENTS:

§ Chairman Paolucci wants to keep this moving forward. Chairman Paolucci made a motion to put forth a tuition of \$4,800.00, seconded by Vice Chair Chretien. Passed 2-1 absent.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

§ Chairman Paolucci wants a letter to go out to everyone in town not just the parents of students at Paine School stating the facts and figures of exactly how many students are enrolled at Captain Issac Paine School, the exact costs, the exact budget, what the programs consist of, the number of teachers and support staff. Contact numbers for the members of the School Committee in case anyone wants to speak to them. There were no votes taken on this matter just a directive to the Superintendent to take care of this matter.

PER PUPIL COSTS:

§ Mr. Wallace informed the committee that the approximate figure is \$15,500.00 which includes transportation.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

§ Principal Moore reported that on June 11, 2008, the Paine School will have their Walk-A-Thon beginning at 9:15 a.m. for the whole school. On June 12, 2008, the Kindergarten will have their celebration for family and friends starting at approximately 10:00 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m. On June 13, 2008, it is Bike Hike Day. On June 17, 2008, the fifth grade will have their celebration. Principal Moore also informed the committee that they have complied with the lockdown drills. Also, Principal Moore wanted to inform the committee about a Behavioral Program part of Rhode Island College and the University of Connecticut. They are in the end of their second year and it is a three year program. They have been evaluated by someone from the college and out of 100 points they received 99 points. Principal Moore explained about the program Good Deeds to Feed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- § Superintendent Wallace had no formal report. Mr. Wallace just wanted to comment on what Principal Moore had just spoken about. The person who had come out from the State to evaluate the program was impressed and could not wait to tell the goods news about the school attacking the whole issue of positive behavior. Mr. Wallace wanted everyone to know that to a large degree it is due to the leadership Principal Moore provides to the faculty.
- § Mr. Wallace has been in touch with Dr. Barnes from the Region and advised Mr. Wallace that the Regional Committee has asked Dr. Barnes to prepare a RFP for the food service program for the Region. Mr. Wallace feels it only logical that if that is the root the Region is going to go then as an individual school we should piggyback on that. Mr. Wallace has scheduled a meeting with Dr. Barnes for Thursday morning. Chairman Paolucci and Vice Chair Chretien agreed with this and have been satisfied with the service from Sodexho.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Chretien moved to accept the Minutes as presented at the regular meeting and executive. Seconded by Chairman Paolucci. Motion passed 2-1 absent.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

- § Vice Chairman Chretien moved to approve Check register dated June 9, 2008, in the amount of \$98,436.45. Seconded by Chairman Paolucci. Question by Vice Chairman Chretien about the \$3,800.00 to Xerox. Mr. Wallace informed the committee that the large machine needed some extensive repair. Mr. Wallace informed the committee that the contract for that machine ends this June. The motion passed 2-1 absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- § Technology
- § Tuition
- § Paine Scholarship Fund
- § Boiler up-date
- § Informational meetings
- § Food Service

ADJOURNMENT:

- § Chairman Paolucci made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Vice Chairman Chretien seconded. Motion passed 2-1 absent.

Submitted by Karen L. Shewcov