

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, March 27, 2012
Executive Session – 7:30pm
Open Session – 8:00pm

1. **Convene Meeting** – Kathleen Swanson, Chair, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order on March 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm.
 - a. Roll Call – present at the time of roll call were Chair, Kathleen Swanson, member, Patricia Fountain. Ms. Shelley Pezza, Vice-Chair was absent at the time of roll call and was present at 7:36 pm. Also, present were Superintendent / Principal, Davida Irving, Legal Counsel, Greg Piccirilli, and FSC secretary, Helena McCullough.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance – was recited.
2. On a motion by Mrs. Fountain and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC **voted to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation**
 - a. **(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Arbitration – Educational Support Personnel**
Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.
3. **Reconvene Open Session** – reconvened at 8:03 pm. Mrs. Swanson relayed that Collective Bargaining, Litigation and Arbitration Educational Support Personnel was discussed and no votes were taken.
4. **Public Comment** – there was no Public Comment.

At this time, Chair, Kathleen Swanson, moved item #10, b3.

10. Communications

- b. Superintendent's Report
 - 3) Appeal of Non-Renewal / Reduction Positions
Dr. Irving asked the FSC for a date & time for the "Appeal Meeting". The FSC scheduled two dates: April 10, 2012 @ 7:00 pm and April 11, 2012 @ 8:00 pm. Mr. Piccirilli will pass this information on to the FTA Union.
5. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the request of SMCT as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the PTG request retro-active as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

6. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the “sealed” minutes for Executive Session for February 28, 2012. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Vote = 2-1-0.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Swanson – yes

Ms. Pezza – yes

Mrs. Fountain – no – because there were two votes taken in this Executive Session that did not meet the Open Meetings Act and they were not reported out. One was that we retain the lawyer to stay for the beginning of the Open Session and the second was to move Agenda items on the Agenda forward.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the Open Session Minutes of February 28, 2012. No discussion. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

7. Approval of Warrants – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the Warrant dated March 10, 2012 in the amount of \$156,167.33.

Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 2-1-0.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Swanson – yes

Ms. Pezza – yes

Mrs. Fountain – no

- a. Business Manager’s Report – the Superintendent answered questions on the expense report provided by Business Manager, Malcolm Moore (who was not in attendance) for the FSC.

8. Old Business (for discussion/action)

a. Wellness Policy - 2nd Reading

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the second reading of the Wellness Policy. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

b. Policy #5141.2, Prevention & Crisis Intervention / Physical Restraint for Safety Promotion, 2nd Reading

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and second by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the second reading of the Prevention & Crisis Intervention / Physical Restraint for Safety Promotion Policy. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

c. 2012-2013 Budget

Dr. Irving reviewed the approved budget for 2012-2013 by letting the FSC know that line items had been reviewed and adjusted to compensate the full day Kindergarten but that the bottom line has not changed.

9. New Business (for discussion/action)

a. Capital Project – Heating Pipe Repair/Replacement

Dr. Irving informed the FSC of deteriorating and leaking underground heating pipes in the fifth grade wing of the school that have been there since the school was built and that there has been the need for costly repairs. She has made a request to the Town Council for Capitol Expense funds but the Council has not agreed to replace through Capital funds. Discussion followed.

b. Personnel – Leave of Absence

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the request for a one year leave of absence without pay for Sally Kouvo-Smith as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

c. Policy Review

1) Policy #5140.1A Universal Precautions Procedure

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved and reviewed the Universal Precautions Procedure Policy. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

2) Policy #5140 HIV Infected Students and Employees

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved and reviewed the Infected Students and Employees Policy. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

d. Policy #5141.4 Food Allergy Management – Update

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the update of the Food Allergy Management Policy. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

e. Policy #5141.5 Protocol for Latex Sensitivity/Allergy – New

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC approved the first reading of Protocol for Latex Sensitivity/Allergy Policy. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

10. Communication/Reports

a. Correspondence

b. Superintendent's Report

1) Analysis of Bus Transportation Savings

Dr. Irving presented the FSC with a transportation analysis developed by her and the Business Manager, Malcolm Moore. Discussion followed.

2) Zone Monitor Update

Dr. Irving relayed to the FSC that Ocean state Transit sent a report that all zone monitors are in place and working. The Bus Monitor Variance

reports submitted by Ocean State Transit to Dr. Irving also reflect the same.

3) *Appeal of Non-Renewal / Reduction Positions*

This item was discussed earlier on the agenda.

c. *Future Agenda Items*

American Arbitration Association – correspondence

Pumps

Oil Delivery

Staff / Student Recognition

Audit

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Fountain, the FSC voted to adjourn at 9:11 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee