

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, December 22, 2015  
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) was called to order on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 7:15 PM by Chair, Kathleen Swanson.
  - a. *Roll Call* – all members were present. Chair, Kathleen Swanson, Vice-Chair, Shelley Pezza, member, Ron Cervasio, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Barnes, and FSC secretary, Helena McCullough.
  - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by all in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no comment.
3. **Building Use Requests** – there were no requests.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Minutes of August 3, 2015, September 1, 2015, November 24, 2015 (Open and Executive Sessions) and December 1, 2015 as presented. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **Approval of Warrants** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant #11 for \$15,183.26, Warrant #12 for \$14,827.80, and Warrant #13 for \$166,703.29 as presented. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
  - a. *Business Manager's Report* – Mike Petrarca provided his report to the FSC – things are looking good.
6. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
  - a. *School Safety – Discussion* – Dr. Barnes presented the FSC with several of the issues discussed at the Building Committee meeting. The school entrance renovation, asphalt in the back parking lot, fixing the brick veneer and bathroom renovations, and replacing the fields out back were several of the items discussed. Parking is a big issue, especially during school events. Mr. Cervasio made several recommendations: have a police detail at all school events, have staff park in one parking lot when there are special night / day events so there is more availability of parking for parents, and another possible drop off are. No votes were taken.
  - b. *Swamp Meadow Community Theatre* – Dr. Barnes relayed to the FSC that Swamp Meadow Community Theatre was asking to have the 20% of their gate reduced. Costs to SMCT were reviewed according to the Building Use Request form. The secretary will compile a report as to the use of the building by SMCT over the last four years. Discussion followed. No votes were taken.
  - c. *Building Use Request Form* – this item was included / discussed in item # 6b.

- d. *Video / Audio Tape of Meetings* – Mrs. Swanson shared with the FSC the possibility of videotaping the FSC meeting and having them available for Foster residents to view.
- e. *Legal Services* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the agreement as presented by Mr. John Anderson and authorized the Chair and/or Superintendent to sign. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

**7. Communication/Reports**

- a. *Communication* – there were no communications.
  - b. *Principal's Report* – Mrs. Danusis supplied the FSC with her report for December.
  - c. *Superintendent's Report* – Dr. Barnes reported that the contract with the Foster Teachers Association is in its final stages. He attended the Learning Celebration and Curriculum Night at the school and thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking to parents and teachers.
8. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio 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 – Foster Teachers Association / Educational Support Personnel.** Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
9. **Future Agenda Items** –
- a. Swamp Meadow Community Theatre
  - b. Building Use Request Form
  - c. Video / Audio Tape of Meetings

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC reconvened Open Session. Motion carries. Vote = 3-0-0.

Mrs. Swanson reported that Collective Bargaining and Litigation FTS and ESP were discussed. No votes were taken.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to “Seal” the minutes of Executive Session. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

10. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn at 8:49 PM. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough  
Secretary Foster School Committee