

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) was called to order on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:15 PM by Kathleen Swanson, Chair.
 - a. *Roll Call* – all members were present, Kathleen Swanson, Chair, Shelley Pezza, Vice Cahir, Ron Cervasio, member, Dr. Michael Barnes, Superintendent and FSC secretary, Helena McCullough.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by all in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no Public Comment made.
3. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved all Building Use Request as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved Open and Executive Session Minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **Approval of Warrants** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant #17, dated February 2, 2016 for \$184,603.33. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
 - a. *Business Manager's Report* – Mike Petrarca, Business Manager, was available for discussion on his report. He informed the FSC that no significant changes have occurred since January 2016. He further explained though that due to two part-time certified positions not continuing, the need of reinstating one teacher assistant and no funds allotted for orientation and mobility services, there needs to be a line item transfer to reflect a budget shortfall of \$20,800. He recommended the FSC reduce the Special Education tuition from \$50,000 to \$29,000 to cover the shortfall. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Business Managers recommendation to reduce the Special Education Tuition line item from \$50,000 to \$29,000 to cover the \$20, 800 shortfall. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
6. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Fund Balance Transfer* – due to the Audit not being completed, the Fund Balance transfer will remain as a future agenda item until the audit is completed.
 - b. *School Emergency Planning* – Dr. Barnes gave general crisis plan update and allowed members in the audience to voice their concerns, which he, the Chief of Police and Mrs. Danusis answered to the best that they were allowed under the law. Discussion. No votes were taken.

- c. *Public Workshop & Hearing 2016-2017 Budget* – Mrs. Swanson invited discussion of the 2016-2017 budget. Discussion.

7. Old Business (for discussion/action)

- a. *Budget – FY 2016-2017 – Approval* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio the FSC approved the Budget for 2106-2017. Mr. Cervasio withdrew his second and Ms. Pezza removed her motion. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the 2016-2017 Budget with the recommended changes. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- b. *Foster School Calendar 2016-2017* – the 2016-2017 Calendar was presented but will be a Future Agenda Item as there are still some dates to be determined.

8. Communication/Reports

- a. *Communication* – there were no Communications
 - b. *Principal's Report* – Mrs. Danusis, Principal, supplied the FSC with her report.
 - c. *Superintendent's Report* – Dr. Barnes, Superintendent, supplied the FSC with his report.
9. 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 (3) School Safety.** Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Mrs. Swanson reported that Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Foster Teachers Association / Educational Support Personnel and School Safety were discussed. No votes were taken.

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

10. Future Agenda Items –

- a. Fund Balance Transfer
- b. Foster School Calendar 2016-2017
- c. Building Use Policy # 1330 & Form – Review

11. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee