

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) was called to order on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:15 PM by Chair, Kathleen Swanson.
 - a. *Roll Call* – all members were present: Chair, Kathleen Swanson, Vice-Chair, Shelly Pezza, member, Ron Cervasio, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Barnes and secretary, Helena McCullough.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by all in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no comment.
3. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Building Use Request as presented. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Open and Executive “Sealed” Minutes of February 23, 2016. 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 #19 for \$166,775.73 and Warrant #20 for \$17,745.58. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
 - a. *Business Manager’s Report* – Michael Petrarca, Business Manager, supplied the FSC with his report stating that all expenditures for FY 2015-16 and the payroll dated March 2, 2016 have been posted and continues to remain on track.
6. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Communication – Home Journal* – The FSC asked the Superintendent and Principal to submit an article bi-monthly to the Foster Home Journal in order to inform the public on school activities, accomplishments, and undertakings.
7. **Old Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Budget – FY 2016-2017* – the FSC asked the Superintendent and Business Manager to modify the budget for the 2016-2017 FY due to the Town Council cutting the Foster School Department budget by 1%.
 - b. *Foster School Calendar 2016-2017* – tabled to April, as the Regional Calendar had not been approved as of this meeting.
 - c. *Fund Balance Transfer* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Fund Balance transfer of \$300,370 to the Capital Reserve Fund (in

accordance with the Fund Balance Policy #3323) which will be designated for Capital improvements. Discussion. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

8. Communication/Reports

- a. *Communication* – a communication of retirement was received this evening and will be placed on the April agenda for acceptance.
 - b. *Principal's Report* – Mrs. Danusis, Principal, submitted her report to the FSC; highlights concerned a revised school improvement plan, upcoming professional development, Kindergarten Registration and the award of a grant from C.A.S.T. which will be used for the installation of the “Buddy” benches.
 - c. *Superintendent's Report* – Dr. Barnes highlighted Admin meetings and the collaboration between schools.
9. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSD **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 passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

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

Mrs. Swanson reported that the FSC discussed Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Foster Teachers Association / Educational Support Personnel. No voted were taken.

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

10. Future Agenda Items –

- a. Hydration Station
 - b. Retirement
11. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee