

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) was called to order on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7:16 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 Public Comment made.
3. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Building Use Requests as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes** (for discussion/action)
 - a. On a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved Open and Executive Minutes of 3/29/2016 as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **Approval of Warrants** (for discussion/action)
 - a. Approval of Warrant #21 dated 4/5/2016 totaling \$167,364.07 was approved on a Pezza / Cervasio Motion. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
6. **Business Manager's Report** (for discussion/action)
 - a. Mr. Petrarca reported there are no significant changes to report this month. He provided the FSC with the second draft of the 2016-2017 budget containing changes in bus transportation and two additional positions.
7. **New Business** (for discussion/action)
 - a. Superintendent's Report: Personnel – Recalls, Retirements, Appointments – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Superintendent's recommendation to recall Kimberly Soares to the position of full-time Teacher Assistant for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0. On a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the request of Miss Cathy Santossouso to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. This motion was amended on a Cervasio Pezza motion to place a non-breakable plaque outside the

gymnasium honoring Miss S's commitment to the children of Foster. Both motions passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

- b. Hydration Station – on a motion by Mrs. Swanson seconded by Ms. Pezza the FSC approved installation of two hydration station(s) in the Paine School. On a Swanson / Pezza motion the original motion was amended to include up to three stations installed at the discretion of the John Obiurka and administration for placement. Both motions carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
 - c. Transportation Bid Award – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC awarding the Transportation Bid to Ocean State Transit/Student Transportation of America from 2016-2017 to 2020-2021. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
8. **Old Business** (for discussion/action)
- a. Budget – FY 2016-2017 – on a Pezza/Cervasio motion the FSC approved adjustments to the FY2016-2017 budget. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
 - b. Foster School Calendar 2016-2017 – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

9. **Communication/Reports**

- a. Communication – Mr. Cervasio received an invoice from Foster DPW.
 - b. Principal's Report – Mrs. Danusis reported that a "Bullying Workshop" for fourth and fifth grade will take place at the Mustard Seed Farm, thanks to a grant awarded to the Foster Police Department. PARCC testing is scheduled for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade during April and May. A "Pie in the Face" prep rally was held for students and staff were the recipients of the whip cream!
 - c. Superintendent's Report – there was no report.
10. On a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC **voted to convene 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.

The FSC reconvened Open /session at 7:55 PM. Mrs. Swanson reported that Collective Bargaining for the FTA 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 passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

11. **Future Agenda Items –**

- a. SIT Plan – Mrs. Danusis to present

- b. Contract – FTA
- c. Personnel
- d. Building Committee Report

12. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee