

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

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

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

1. **Convene Meeting** – on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:15 PM, the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) was called to order by Chair, Kathleen Swanson.
  - a. Roll Call – the following members were present at the time of roll call: Kathleen Swanson, Chair, and member, Ron Cervasio, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Barnes and FSC Secretary, Helena McCullough. Ms. Pezza was in attendance a little while later.
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance – was recited by all in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no Public Comment heard.
3. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the following Building Use Requests as presented: PTG on 8/30/2016 for “School Supply Drop Off”, PTG on 8/21/2016 for “Halloween Bingo & Pumpkin Walk”, and PTG on 12/1/2016 for “Cookies & Cocoa”. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes** (for discussion/action)

Approval of Minutes - on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the Open and Executive Minutes for June 28, 2016. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
5. **Approval of Warrants** (for discussion/action)

On a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the following Warrants: W #29 dated June 30, 2016 for \$150,830.55, W #1 dated July 11, 2016 for \$54,269.01, W #2 dated July 20, 2016 for \$14,453.38, W #3 dated July 26, 2016 for \$59,893.66, W #4 dated July 31, 2016 for \$131,263.55, W #5 dated July 31, 2016 for \$724.08 and W #6 dated August 3, 2016 for \$3,934.14. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
6. **Business Manager’s Report** (for discussion/action)
  - a. Monthly report was supplied to the FSC. There were no questions. On a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC accepted the Business Manager’s report as presented. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
7. **New Business** (for discussion/action)

- a. Superintendent's Recommendations – Appointments – On a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Sara Mazur to the position of classroom teacher for the 2016-2017 school year with the appointment conditional upon the completion of a BCI and reference check with no disqualifying information. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.  
On a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Brittany Whittemore to the position of special education teacher assistant for the 2016-2017 school year with the appointment conditional upon a completion of BCI and reference check with no disqualifying information. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.

8. **Old Business** (for discussion/action) – there was no old business.

**9. Communication/Reports**

- a. Communication – there were no communications.
- b. Principal's Report – Mrs. Danusis supplied the FSC with her August 2016 report. No discussion.
- c. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Barnes gave a quick report and recognized several individuals for work done over the summer. He also recognized Mrs. Danusis and Mr. Miele for their Project Based Learning and they were selected to present at the RI Principal's Association Summer Conference.

10. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and 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)(1) Job Performance of an Individual – Superintendent Contract, Business Manager Contract, Principal Contract, & Technology Coordinator Contract; R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Foster Teachers' Association & Educational Support Personnel; R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(8), Request for Home Schooling Approval.** Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

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

Mrs. Swanson reported that Collective Bargaining and Litigation for the FTA and ESP were discussed. No votes taken. Job Performance of an Individual – Superintendent, Principal's, Technology & Business Manager's contracts were discussed. A Homeschooling request was accepted.

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

**11. Job Performance of an Individual / Vote to Extend Administrator Contracts -**

On a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Ms. Pezza the FSC voted to extend Superintendent's Contract for one year at a 1% increase. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.  
On a motion by Mr. Cervasio seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC increased the Principal's salary for the 2016-2017 school year to \$103,500 and tie to the FTA teacher's contract for subsequent years. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0. On a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC extended the Business Manager's contract for one year at the same salary. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

12. **Future Agenda Items** – Pre-school vs FELT / Technology Coordinator Contract / Building Committee Report

13. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Motion passed. Vote – 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough  
Secretary Foster School Committee