

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: August 24, 2015

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Place: Foxborough High School Media Center

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Tina Belanger, Mr. Bruce Gardner,  
Ms. Beverley Lord, Mr. Stephen Udden, Ms. Marilyn Weiss

SCHOOL STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Debra Spinelli, Dr. Amy Berdos, Mr. William Yukna

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Lord moved; Belanger seconded

Resume open session

Vote: 5-0-0

Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

***Visitors***

None

***Approval of Minutes***

Weiss moved; Belanger seconded

Approve the special meeting minutes of July 20, 2015 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

The committee acknowledged the retirement of Frank Mortimer from the *Foxboro Reporter*. Mr. Gardner spoke of the great service Mr. Mortimer provided during his time as a reporter. He was described as an open communicator, someone who had a positive relationship with the schools and did an accurate job reporting. The committee extended their congratulations on his retirement and noted he will be missed.

Ms. Spinelli echoed those sentiments and added he was a meticulous fact checker.

***Update on Summer Work and Preparation for the Opening of School***

Mr. Bill Yukna, Business Manager and Mr. Aaron Hyre, Director of Technology presented an update on summer work. Mr. Yukna noted that Mr. Anthony Moussalli, Facilities Manager, was not able to attend the meeting. A multitude of building and technology projects were discussed. Mr. Yukna highlighted the following projects: the upgrade and redesign of the Igo Media Center (asbestos abatement, painting, electrical work), repaving and relining of the Igo parking lot, FHS turf field lighting, resurfacing of three gym floors (high school, middle school and Igo), and

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exterior lighting upgrades to LED on all major buildings (noting that energy savings will cover the cost of installation). Mr. Yukna acknowledged the wonderful job done over the summer by the custodial and maintenance crews.

Mr. Hyre outlined developments on the technical side; i.e., development of the new Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy for students, wireless network availability at all schools, the purchase of 200 mobile computers, installation of a new computer lab at the Igo, and a new computer classroom/lab at the Burrell. Also of note was the deployment of media carts in each building which will allow audio-visual flexibility. Mr. Hyre further explained that a Technology Advisory Committee conducted a pilot of three interactive pieces of software and chose SMART Notebook, which will improve teacher collaboration and aid professional teaching communities by providing a common platform. A number of phone systems have also been investigated, and the committee will be updated as this work continues. Software enhancements were discussed as were policy updates made to reflect our current infrastructure and instructional practices.

Mr. Hyre welcomed new staff on the technical team, Mr. Vern Lee Davis, Computer/Network Support Specialist; Mr. Dionisio Goncalves, Network Manager; and Mr. Dan Ambrosio Technology Integration Specialist at the Ahern Middle School.

Mr. Hyre extended his thanks to Ms. Julia Greenstine, Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Assessment, who collaborated on tonight's presentation, the technical staff and the maintenance and custodial teams for all their support in getting ready for the new school year.

Mr. Yukna discussed the installation of security cameras and reported that a number of proposals are in the works with a final design currently being priced. He noted any security system installed will be closely integrated with the new phone system. Further details will be reported when there is concrete information.

#### ***2015-2016 Subcommittee Appointments***

Mr. Gardner noted it is time to appoint subcommittee members for the new school year. After discussion, the following votes were taken:

Weiss moved; Udden seconded

Appoint Ms. Lord and Ms. Belanger to the Policy Subcommittee for the 2015-2016 school year

Vote: 5-0-0

Lord moved; Belanger seconded

Appoint Mr. Udden and Ms. Weiss to the Budget Subcommittee for the 2015-2016 school year

Vote: 5-0-0

***School Committee Vote to Approve 2015-2016 School District Goals***

Ms. Spinelli reviewed each category of the 2015-2016 School District Goals in the areas of Communication/Community Relations, Student Achievement, Financial Management, Policy Development, and the Superintendent's Performance, noting adjustments made for the new school year.

Lord moved; Belanger seconded  
Approve the 2015-2016 School District Goals  
Vote: 5-0-0

***2015-2016 School Calendar Update***

Ms. Spinelli explained that the 2015-2016 School Calendar has been updated to reflect elementary trimester dates. No other information has been changed. It was noted that the first day of school for students is September 1; and the first day for staff is August 25.

***Second Reading of Policies***

Udden moved; Weiss seconded  
Waive the second reading of policies IJND, IJNDB, IJNDB-R, IJNDBA, IJNDBA-E, IJNDC, IJNDC-R, and IJNDD  
Vote: 5-0-0

Although a second reading was waived, Ms. Belanger briefly reviewed each policy and the rationale behind the changes made.

Weiss moved; Udden seconded  
Adopt Policy IJND: Internet Computer Usage as revised  
Vote: 5-0-0

Udden moved; Weiss seconded  
Adopt Policy IJNDB: Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) – Students as revised  
Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Lord seconded  
Adopt Policy IJNDB-R: Acceptable Use Policy – Technology as revised  
Vote: 5-0-0

Lord moved; Weiss seconded  
Adopt Policy IJNDBA: Educational Technologies – Employees  
Vote: 5-0-0

The plan for notifying staff of changes in Policy IJNDBA was discussed. Ms. Spinelli noted it will be shared with staff during Professional Development over the next three days.

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Maintain Policy IJNDBA-E Educational Technologies – Employees Acknowledgement Form as written

Vote: 5-0-0

Udden moved; Weiss seconded

Adopt Policy IJNDC: School and District Web Presence as revised

Vote: 5-0-0

Udden moved; Lord seconded

Adopt Policy IJNDC-R: Web Site Guidelines and Procedures for Approval as revised

Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Adopt Policy IJNDD – Cell Phone and All Other Electronic Devices – Students – Bring Your Own Device

Vote: 5-0-0

Mr. Hyre discussed the realities of the Bring Your Own Device Policy and explained that teacher discretion is key in deciding when devices are allowed and not allowed. The parameters in which students are allowed to use their devices are outlined in each school's student handbook.

### ***Surplus Property – Pratt School and Quaker Hill School***

Mr. Yukna discussed two properties currently under control of the School Committee -- the Pratt and Quaker Hill Schools -- that are no longer needed for school purposes. He proposed the School Committee release these two properties to the Town. Mr. Yukna described the locations and conditions of the schools, explaining that both are in need of significant repair and should either be disposed of or repurposed.

Udden moved; Belanger seconded

I move that the School Committee vote to declare the real property identified as the Pratt School on Community Way (Map 97 parcel 2933) and the Quaker Hill School on South Street (Map 162 parcel 4101), with any improvements thereon, to be no longer needed for school or educational purposes, and that the Committee so notify the Board of Selectmen of its action for purposes of further disposition of said properties as the Selectmen may deem appropriate.

Vote: 5-0-0

### ***Review of School Lunch Prices***

Mr. Yukna presented information regarding federal regulations that govern free and reduced reimbursement and minimum requirements for district school lunch pricing. After review of the information, a 10-cent increase in school lunch prices was suggested. This increase will make

sure costs are covered, meet the federal requirement, and build a modest capital equipment replacement balance. Mr. Yukna noted that Ms. Allison Johnson, Foodservice Director, and her staff have made significant progress with participation in the lunch program based on improved menu offerings.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Approve a 10-cent increase in school lunch prices from \$2.50 to \$2.60 at the elementary schools and from \$2.75 to \$2.85 at the middle and high schools.

Vote: 5-0-0

### ***Other Matters***

Ms. Spinelli welcomed staff back to school to participate in three days of Professional Development. She also noted receipt of notification from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regarding the Title 1 Coordinated Program Review and thanked Dr. Berdos and Ms. Dianne Casilli, Title 1 Director, for completing the review with flying colors.

Dr. Berdos noted we are still awaiting the results of the English Language Learner (ELL) portion of the Coordinated Program Review, which will be reported to the committee as soon as it is received. She also mentioned she is looking forward to the upcoming Professional Development Days.

Ms. Lord welcomed staff back and wished everyone a wonderful school year.

Ms. Belanger noted she has heard great feedback regarding Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) and that participating students had a phenomenal experience. She also shared that the Foxborough Dollar Tree store donated a tremendous amount of school supplies which are available at the public safety building tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mr. Udden reported that several news outlets incorrectly posted that the first day of school as September 2. He also thanked Mr. Jim Kelly, the students and parents of Boy Scouts Troop 32, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, Burrell alumni and Ms. Michele McCarthy who spent last Saturday spreading woodchips at the nature trail for the Burrell School opening.

Ms. Weiss mentioned that any teenagers in town seen with orange hair are our senior football players.

Mr. Gardner welcomed back staff and students and wished everyone a great school year.

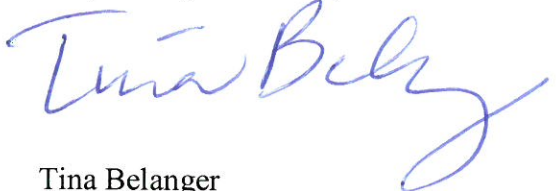
Udden moved; Belanger seconded

Adjourn the meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjournment: 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Belanger  
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Special Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2015

School District Goals for 2015-2016

FPS 2015-2016 Updated School Calendar

Technology Policies:

IJND – Internet Computer Usage

IJNDB – Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) – Students

IJNDB-R – Acceptable Use Policy – Technology

IJNDBA – Educational Technologies – Employees

IJNDBA-E – Educational Technologies – Employees Acknowledgement Form

IJNDC – School and District Web Presence

IJNDC-R – Web Site Guidelines and Procedures for Approval

IJNDD – Cell Phone and All Other Electronic Devices – Students (BYOD)

Surplus Property – Pratt and Quaker Hill Schools

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Approved: September 21, 2015