

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: June 6, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Foxborough High School Media Center

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Tina Belanger, Ms. Beverley Lord,
Ms. Marilyn Weiss, Mr. Chris Connolly, Mr. Gardner joined the meeting at 7:30 pm

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: were not present

Ms. Belanger called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

Recognition of Retirees

Ms. Spinelli and Ms. Belanger acknowledged FPS employees who retired during the 2015-2016 school year. Retirees in attendance were: John Haddigan, Ted Hagarty, Allyson Anderson-Sterling, Cathy Swails, Janette Witschel, Patty Young and Joanne Doherty. Not present were Davida Bloom, Mohsen Khalifa and Valerie Kirrane. Ms. Spinelli noted that this was a celebration of their service, which all together totaled 205 years. The retirees were congratulated by the committee and presented with a gift in appreciation of their dedication to FPS.

Visitors

None.

Approval of Minutes

Gardner moved; Lord seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2016 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Connolly seconded

Approve the executive session minutes of May 16, 2016 as presented

Vote: 4-0-1 (Gardner abstaining)

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Release the executive session minutes of May 16, 2016

Vote: 4-0-1 (Gardner abstaining)

Teaching and Learning Highlight

Mr. Mike Stanton, Igo Elementary School Principal, Ms. Sue Burrows, Igo Elementary Wellness Teacher, four 4th grade Igo Elementary students and their buddies presented “*Buddy Up*,” a

program instituted at Igo Elementary School this year. Mr. Stanton explained the program was designed to establish positive and lasting relationships between students with special needs and their more “typical” peers, encourages community service during the school day, and was inspired by the Best Buddies Program at the high school. Students who participate in *Buddy Up* are paired with special needs students and foster friendships while working in the adaptive physical education, art and music programs. Members of *Buddy Up* worked hard throughout the school year dedicating their time and forming nice relationships with the students with whom they worked. A short video was shown which captured the impact *Buddy Up* has had within the school community. The students then shared their experiences with the committee. Questions and discussion from the committee followed.

K-12 Art Curriculum Review

Dr. Berdos introduced members of the Art Department, Ms. Kelly Arcacha, K-12 Art Department Head; Ms. Linda Lorman, Elementary Art Teacher; Ms. Clara Schuster, Elementary Art Teacher, and Ms. Shawn Trice FHS Art Teacher, who presented a comprehensive and thorough review of the K-12 Visual Arts Department curriculum. Their report described the process of curriculum review, formation of a review committee, creation of four main review goals, and assessment of curriculum across all grades. Strengths and areas of need were itemized in the areas of Instruction, Assessment, Resources/Equipment and Professional Development. A plan for implementation of recommendations for improvement was provided. Discussion and positive remarks from the committee followed.

2016-2017 Subcommittee Appointments

As outlined in Policy BDE – Subcommittees of the School Committee - recommendations were made for subcommittee appointments for the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Belanger explained that typically two subcommittees are formed annually – a Budget Subcommittee and a Policy Subcommittee. After discussion, Ms. Belanger appointed Ms. Weiss and Mr. Gardner to the Budget Subcommittee and Mr. Connolly and Ms. Lord to the Policy Subcommittee for 2016-2017.

It was further agreed that Ms. Belanger will serve as the School Committee Representative to the Building Committee for the Burrell School Project for the 2016-2017 school year.

FPS Strategic Plan 2014-2017

Ms. Debbie Spinelli and Dr. Amy Berdos presented an update on the 2014-2017 FPS Strategic Plan. The plan is in effect through 2017, with one more year remaining to complete all items. Ms. Spinelli and Dr. Berdos reported on each of the four broad objectives of the plan and their corresponding goals and strategies. Since this is the last year of the current plan, a new Strategic Plan Committee will be formed in February of 2017.

Review of Superintendent Evaluation Process

Ms. Spinelli discussed the Superintendent’s Summative Evaluation Process. Documents provided and reviewed were an overview of the 5-step cycle; the Massachusetts Model System for Educator Evaluation: Part IV: Implementation Guide for Superintendent Evaluation; forms

to be used for the summative evaluation; and the Superintendent's Update on Goals and Self-Assessment for the 2015-2016 school year. The timeline for completion of the evaluation is July 2016.

Ms. Spinelli then discussed the status of FPS personnel positions. Several new hires that have been finalized are Mr. David Pierce - Assistant Principal at FHS; Ms. Janice Watt - Director of Food Services; Ms. Nancy McNally - Special Education Department Head; and Mr. Carl Fuller - Assistant Facilities Manager, a position which is shared with the town. Administration is also currently in negotiations with six of the nine FPS unions.

2016-2017 Plumbing Bid

Mr. Yukna presented the plumbing bid for the 2016-2017 school year. After review of all bids, Boston Mechanical was recommended for a one year bid.

Gardner moved; Lord seconded

Award the plumbing service bid as recommended to Boston Mechanical, Inc. for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$79.00 per hour for a licensed plumber and \$39.00 per hour for an apprentice.

Vote: 5-0-0

FY '16 Budget Update

Mr. Yukna reviewed the status of the FY '16 Budget as of June 3, 2016. Total variance revised to forecast is a favorable \$23,066. Mr. Yukna recommended the purchase of an 8-passenger vehicle to be used for transport of students/staff and as a courier vehicle.

Gardner moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the purchase of an 8-passenger vehicle up to \$26,000

Vote: 5-0-0

Gardner moved; Lord seconded

Approve the FY '16 Budget Summary Statement of June 3, 2016

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Spinelli mentioned that Mr. Bill Kelley has resigned as courier for Foxborough Public Schools and wished him well.

Acceptance of Donations

The following donations were brought to the committee for consideration.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Accept the donation from the Belanger family in the amount of \$500.00 to the FHS Class of 2018, with gratitude

Vote: 4-0-1 (Belanger abstaining)

Weiss moved; Connolly seconded

Accept the donation from the Wampanoag Road Runners in the amount of \$1,000.00 to support the FHS Cross Country and Track Programs, with gratitude

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Belanger mentioned that Mr. James DeVellis let her know that Motta Landscaping spruced up the Sam Berns Garden and extended many thanks to Mr. Motta and his crew for their work.

Other Matters

Ms. Spinelli extended her congratulations to all FHS Class of 2016 graduates including FHS student Joe Gerraughty, as well as School Committee Student Representatives, Melissa Lynch and Mical Henriquez.

Mr. Gardner congratulated all the spring sports teams for their efforts on a job well done, and also to the *Foxboro Reporter* for excellent coverage.

Ms. Lord motioned to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies with union personnel (Foxborough School Bus Drivers' Association). The committee will return to open session.

Weiss seconded

Vote: Belanger-aye; Lord-aye; Gardner-aye; Weiss-aye; Connolly-aye

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Return to open session (9:48 p.m.)

Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Approve the proposed Foxborough School Bus Drivers' Association Agreement dated September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Lord moved; Connolly seconded

Adjourn the meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverley Lord". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Beverley Lord
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2016

Executive session minutes of May 16, 2016

K-12 Fine Arts Curriculum Review

Policy BDE: Subcommittees of the School Committee

FPS Strategic Plan 2014-2017, End-of-Year Update on Progress

Superintendent's Summative Evaluation Process

Plumbing Service Bid

FY '16 Budget Summary Statement of 6/3/16

Donations

Proposed Foxborough School Bus Drivers' Association Agreement 2016-2019