

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting and  
Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen

Date: November 7, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Foxborough High School Media Center

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

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Alex Shilcusky, Dimitri Davis

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Ms. Belanger opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda. She introduced and welcomed new Student Representative to the School Committee, Dimitri Davis. Student Representative Alex Shilcusky noted that Dimitri is also Freshman Class President.

***Visitors***

None.

***Approval of Minutes***

Weiss moved; Connolly seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2016 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

***Teaching and Learning Highlight***

Ms. Spinelli introduced FHS science teachers Ms. Karen Borges and Ms. Alyssa Mocharnuk along with five FHS students, Yasa Baig, Meghan Curran, Andre Jaber, Brian Kelley and Michael Moses who presented "Interactive Classroom Instruction." Ms. Borges and Ms. Mocharnuk demonstrated their interactive use of the Office 365 platform which allows their students to digitally organize, access content, collaborate with their peers and complete assignments anytime, anywhere, using a mobile device of their choice (i.e., laptop, cell phone). Using the OneNote, Class Notebook and OneDrive components, teachers are able to provide immediate feedback, create and update class notes, post discussions and lab videos and assign homework which are all immediately available to students in real time. The students described how the use of this technology helps them manage and organize their work for multiple classes and gives them the ability to have class content at their fingertips for easy retrieval whenever and wherever they need it, all virtually paperless. Questions and discussion from the committee followed. This was an extremely informative presentation demonstrating how integrating technology enhances the learning experience.

***Business Curriculum Review Grades 9-12***

Dr. Amy Berdos explained that the Business/Technology Education Curriculum Review will be reported in two sections. Tonight's presentation will concentrate on the Business Education Department review, and the findings from the Technology Education Department review will be presented later in the year. Business Teacher Jon McCabe joined the meeting to report on the Business Curriculum for Grades 9-12. Mr. McCabe discussed the department's strengths, current and future needs, business course offerings, the student population served by business courses, National Standards for Business Education (NBEA), business course enrollment at FHS from 2010 through 2016 and Business Department needs going forward. There was discussion around the importance of personal financial literacy and the possibility of making this course a requirement for all students. The committee asked the Superintendent to come back with tradeoffs if the business curriculum were to be expanded.

***Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen***

The Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Bill Keegan, Assistant Town Manager Mary Beth Bernard, and Finance Director Randy Scollins joined the meeting. Mr. Scollins presented the Preliminary Revenue Estimate for FY 2018 Operating Budgets and the Financial Forecast for FY 2017 - FY 2020 for General Fund Operating and Capital Budgets. This meeting sets the framework for the annual budget process. Mr. Scollins reviewed the FY '18 Budget Milestone Calendar, the FY '18 Draft Advisory Committee Budget Review Schedule, the FY '18 Executive Summary, and discussed items within each report. Selectman Jim DeVellis questioned the proposed 2.5% tax increase. Mr. Scollins and Business Administrator Bill Yukna explained the rationale behind the budgeting process. Discussion between the School Committee and Board of Selectmen ensued. The informal consensus of the committee was to direct Mr. Yukna to stay with the budget as originally presented. After discussion the Board of Selectmen portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Mitchell moved; Feldman seconded  
Adjourn the Board of Selectmen portion of the meeting  
Vote: 5-0-0  
Adjournment at 9:55 p.m.

The School Committee then continued with their portion of the meeting.

***Acceptance of Donations***

The following donations were brought forward to the committee for consideration.

Gardner moved; Lord seconded  
Accept the proposed itemized budget from Foxboro Cable Access in the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of upgrading the FHS studio control room with more current technology, with much gratitude.  
Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Spinelli thanked Foxboro Cable Access for this extremely generous donation from one of the best community partners to Foxborough Public Schools.

Gardner moved; Weiss seconded

Accept the donation of \$12,000 from a charitable foundation who wishes to remain anonymous for general support of the Taylor Elementary School, with gratitude.

Vote: 5-0-0

Gardner moved; Weiss seconded

Accept the donation of \$650 from the Partners in Patriotism Fund for the screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*, with gratitude.

Vote: 5-0-0

### ***Emergency Generator Bid Award***

Mr. Yukna presented the recent bid solicitation for an annual service contract for emergency generator service maintenance for school buildings (6) and municipal buildings (2). After review of three bids, he recommended awarding the bid to Authorized Services of New England for the period 11/8/16 through 6/30/19.

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Award the emergency generator maintenance bid for school and municipal buildings to Authorized Services of New England for the period November 18, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Vote: 5-0-0

### ***Other Matters***

Ms. Belanger congratulated Ms. Lord on receiving the MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committees) Lifetime Achievement Award presented last Friday at the annual Joint MASC/MASS Convention.

Ms. Spinelli reported that the B.I.T. Auction was a very successful event. She also reminded everyone that 1) there is no school for students on November 8, Election Day; 2) staff will be reporting that day for Professional Development; and 3) sign up early for parent conferences.

Ms. Lord noted the large amount of participants at the annual MASC/MASS Conference. She also reported that the Town of Ashland has approved a later start time for their high school.

Mr. Connolly reminded everyone to vote in tomorrow's Presidential election.

Ms. Belanger reported that the U.S. Army Field Band's recent performance at the high school was outstanding and extended thanks to Mr. Steve Massey. Also, the FHS Theater Guild will be performing *The Crucible* on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

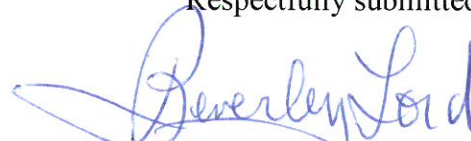
Gardner moved; Lord seconded

Adjourn the meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverley Lord  
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2016

9-12 Business Curriculum Review

Preliminary Revenue Estimate for FY 2018 Operating Budgets

Financial Forecast: FY 2017-2020 for General Fund Operating & Capital Budgets

Foxboro Cable Access Donation

Iorio Charitable Foundation Donation

Partners in Patriotism Donation

Emergency Generator Service Bid

Approved: 11/21/16