

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: March 7, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Foxborough High School Media Center

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bruce Gardner, Ms. Tina Belanger, Ms. Beverley Lord, Ms. Marilyn Weiss; Mr. Udden was not present

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ms. Melissa Lynch, Ms. Mical Henriquez

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

***Visitors***

FHS student Joe Gerraughty asked a question regarding religious holidays for the 2016-2017 school year which was addressed by Ms. Spinelli.

***Approval of Minutes***

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2016 as amended

Vote: 4-0-0

***Teaching and Learning Highlight***

Ms. Spinelli turned this segment over to Ms. Ellen Pillsbury, FHS School-to-Career Specialist, who discussed the success of the recent Credit for Life Fair. Ms. Pillsbury described this annual event as a financial literacy day for seniors. The scenario projects students five years out of college to create a “snapshot” in time to assess their financial decision making. Students are given an annual salary based on career choice and work toward balancing their monthly budget factoring in college debt, living expenses, transportation, etc. Community business volunteers (i.e., financial planners, bankers, educational institutions) add an authentic dose of reality by providing real-time financial information and advice. This year’s fair was held at Showcase Live and was the first credit fair organized solely for FHS students. Two-hundred twenty (220) students participated.

FHS seniors Jason Galanti, Melissa Lynch and Emily Nutting described their experiences participating in the day’s events and what lessons they learned. Discussion and questions followed. The committee expressed appreciation for all those sponsors who contributed to the credit fair this year.

***Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce STEM Donation***

The public presentation of this previously accepted donation was canceled due to a miscommunication.

***Proposed 2016/2017 School Committee Meeting Dates***

After review of the proposed 2016-2017 School Committee meeting dates and committee discussion, the following motion was made:

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the proposed 2016/2017 School Committee meeting dates as presented

Vote: 4-0-0

***School Committee Vote on School Choice Participation***

Ms. Spinelli explained the need for a School Committee vote each year prior to June 1 on School Choice participation. She noted that the Foxborough Public Schools have never participated in School Choice and further described why some districts choose to participate.

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

The Foxborough Public Schools will not participate in School Choice for the 2016-2017 school year.

Vote: 4-0-0

***Acceptance of Donations***

Four donations were brought to the committee for consideration. Motions were made as follows:

Weiss moved; Belanger seconded

Accept the \$3,062.18 donation from the Foxboro Diamond Club for batting cages in support of the baseball program, with gratitude

Vote: 4-0-0

Belanger moved; Weiss seconded

Accept the \$700.00 donation from the Foxboro High School Diamond Club for game balls and tournament balls in support of the baseball program, with gratitude

Vote: 4-0-0

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Accept the \$1,000 donation from the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation to the FHS football program in honor of Coach Jack Martinelli, with gratitude

Vote: 4-0-0

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Accept the \$7,929.00 donation from the Taylor School P.T.O. for whiteboards and iPads for the Taylor School media center, with gratitude

Vote: 4-0-0

***Other Matters***

Ms. Spinelli noted the boys' and girls' basketball teams and the wrestling team have had great seasons. The boys' basketball team will be playing Wednesday night at 6:30.

Ms. Spinelli read a news release congratulating the FHS Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band on their outstanding performances at the Southeast District Jazz Band Festival and Competition on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Belanger noted the Ahern drama students will perform *Seussical Jr.* on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Student Representative Mical Henriquez reported on FHS Theatre Guild competitions and activities and noted the Guild will perform *She Kills Monsters* on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Spinelli mentioned visits to the district by authors Mike Lupica and Peter Reynolds.

Ms. Weiss noted a successful Read Across America Day, and wished the DECA Team luck in their upcoming state competition.

Student Representative Melissa Lynch noted DECA is going to Boston for states and that winners could advance to nationals.

Student Representative Mical Henriquez noted the FHS Music Program is going to states as well, and on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the UMass Amherst Wind Ensemble is visiting FHS to do a workshop.

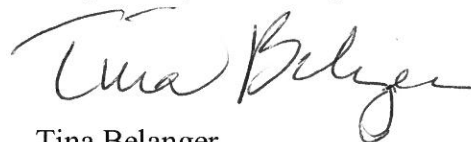
Ms. Lord reminded all to set their clocks ahead this weekend.

Student Representative Mical Henriquez noted that Student Council will be attending the annual conference in Hyannis scheduled for March 10-12.

Weiss moved; Lord seconded  
Adjourn the meeting  
Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Belanger  
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2016

Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce Donation

2016-2017 Proposed School Committee Meetings

School Choice Participation Policy JFBB

Approved: 4/4/16