

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: April 4, 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, Mr. Stephen Udden, Ms. Marilyn Weiss

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ms. Melissa Lynch, (Ms. Mical Henriquez was  
not present)

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Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order.

The committee held a moment of silence in memory of FHS Assistant Principal Joe Heinricher who recently passed away very suddenly. Mr. Gardner and the committee shared memories of Mr. Heinricher, noted the impact his passing has had on the school community, acknowledged the enormous community response, and thanked those who assisted during this difficult time. A moment of silence was also held for Ms. Susan Anderson, former Igo Elementary School Educational Assistant and cherished member of the school community, who recently passed away after a debilitating illness.

Mr. Gardner then reviewed the agenda.

***Visitors***

None.

***Approval of Minutes***

Lord moved; Udden seconded

Approve the executive session minutes of February 22, 2016 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Belanger moved; Udden seconded

Release the executive session minutes of February 22, 2016 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of March 7, 2016 as amended

Vote: 4-0-1 (Udden abstaining)

***Teaching and Learning Highlight***

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Ms. Julia Greenstine, Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Assessment, and FHS students Lauren Platt and Will Regan provided an update on the iSchool Advocates program. The program is its second year at FHS and trains and inspires students to become technology leaders. Ms. Greenstine spoke about the students' goal to facilitate change while leveraging the power of technology in the classroom. Students discussed their experiences as iSchool Advocates and highlighted projects they have worked on including enhancing the FHS technology help website, initiating a training team, crafting the "How To" and "Did You Know" video series, and conducting research for the *Where's My Bus?* application. Questions, discussion and project suggestions followed.

***Approval of FHS Overnight Travel – DECA Competition***

FHS Principal Ms. Diana Myers-Pachla, FHS Business Teacher Mr. Jon McCabe and FHS students presented an overnight travel request to Nashville, TN, to attend the International DECA Conference from April 22-27, 2016. Mr. McCabe, a parent chaperone and five FHS students will be attending. The trip is a result of the amazing performances of the FHS DECA Chapter at the District and State levels, especially since they were competing for the first time. Mr. McCabe thanked the Partners in Patriotism Fund for their generous donation of \$7,000 to support the trip.

Belanger moved; Weiss seconded

Accept with much gratitude the Partners in Patriotism Fund donation of \$7,000 to support the FHS DECA Chapter trip to Nashville, TN, from April 22-27, 2016

Vote: 5-0-0

Belanger moved; Udden seconded

Approve the FHS overnight travel request to Nashville Tennessee from April 22-27, 2016, to attend the International DECA Conference

Vote: 5-0-0

***FHS Textbook Adoption – CP Calculus***

FHS Math Department Head Ms. Sue Carle discussed the search for an appropriate text to support the math department's CP (College Prep) Calculus offering for the 2016-2017 school year. To date, forty-nine (49) students have signed up for the CP Calculus course. Ms. Carle requested funding for the purchase of fifty-five (55) copies of *Foundations of Calculus 0462CP* published by Pearson in the amount of \$6,888.62. This particular text offers appropriate applications, group projects, extended application problems, and is more hands-on and appropriate for high school students than other texts reviewed.

Belanger moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the purchase of fifty-five (55) copies of *Foundations of Calculus 0462CP* published by Pearson in the amount of \$6,888.62

Vote: 5-0-0

### ***Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: One Meal at a Time***

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) along with the New England Dairy and Food Council held a nutrition summit at Gillette Stadium: *Breaking the Cycle of Poverty One Meal at a Time*. This event was attended by Superintendent Ms. Debbie Spinelli, Food Service Director Ms. Allison Johnson, and school committee members Ms. Tina Belanger and Ms. Marilyn Weiss. The program was designed to provide school districts with best practices and tools that can be used to help all students begin the day alert and ready to learn by providing a good breakfast. Ms. Spinelli discussed piloting a school breakfast program at the Igo Elementary School and expanding high school breakfast options.

### ***Special Education Programs Update***

Director of Special Education Dr. Sandra Einsel presented the annual Special Education Programs Update as part of the 2015-2016 School District Goals. This year's report focused on transitions. Dr. Einsel discussed transition assessments, the transition process, program evaluations, transition surveys, and collaboration with the YMCA. Skills and strategies students have learned in preparation for transition were demonstrated by video of individual student interviews as part of a PowerPoint presentation. Further discussion centered on student goal setting, self-advocacy skills and leisure skill activities. Questions and discussion with the committee followed.

### ***FY 16 Budget Update***

Mr. Bill Yukna presented the FY '16 Budget Summary Statement as of March 21, 2016. No additional salary adjustments have occurred, and the only notable change in the expense area is the vehicle fuel account, with an estimated surplus of \$75,000 by the end of the year due to low fuel costs. Based on this information Mr. Yukna recommended the purchase of two additional replacement vehicles, one for the Maintenance Department and one to replace the food service and courier vehicle. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee is in agreement with these purchases.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Accept the FY '16 Budget Summary of March 21, 2016 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Belanger moved; Lord seconded

Approve the expenditure for a utility van in an amount up to \$26,000

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Spinelli noted that she received confirmation that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has approved the Burrell School Renovation Project and read the MSBA's confirmation letter. Mr. Yukna explained the reference to the Massachusetts laws cited in the MSBA letter and described his timeframe for segments of the project.

***School Committee Vote to Approve the Foxborough Public Schools' Policy Manual***

Ms. Spinelli and Ms. Belanger explained the need for an annual vote on the official Foxborough Public Schools Policy Manual. Ms. Spinelli thanked the Policy Subcommittee for their work revising and updating policies.

Udden moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the Foxborough Public Schools Policy Manual in its entirety

Vote: 5-0-0

***Other Matters***

Ms. Spinelli congratulated the FHS cheerleaders for winning the National Championship of the Advanced All-Girls division in Orlando, Florida.

Ms. Spinelli also noted that a plan is in place to fill the role of FHS Assistant Principal for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Kathleen Davis-McDonough, former Assistant Principal of Duxbury High School, has been selected to fill this role. The process for hiring a permanent replacement for Mr. Joe Heinricher started a while ago as he had planned to retire in June.

Ms. Lord encouraged everyone to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Language and Culture Night on Monday, April 11.

Ms. Belanger extended congratulations to music students from the Ahern and the high school for their successes at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) festival this past weekend. She also noted that the FHS History Club just returned from their trip to Philadelphia, PA.

FHS Student Joe Gerraughty recapped the History Club's trip to Philadelphia.

Ms. Spinelli reported that the FHS Wind Ensemble has been invited to play in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Continuum Series Winds Concert at the Kresge Auditorium.

Dr. Berdos reminded all that April 5 is the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Technology Night starting at 6:15 pm.

Ms. Lord wished everyone a happy vacation week.

Ms. Weiss acknowledged the presence of Mr. Chris Connolly, candidate for School Committee, in the audience.

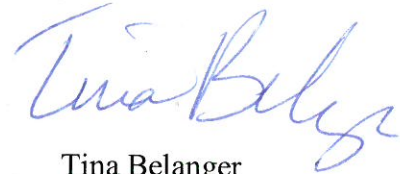
Lord moved; Belanger seconded

Adjourn the meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Belanger  
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Executive session minutes of February 22, 2016  
Regular meeting minutes of March 7, 2016  
Recommendation for FHS Overnight Travel  
Partners in Patriotism Fund Donation  
Math Textbook Adoption Request  
Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: One Meal at a Time  
Special Education Program Update  
FY '16 Budget Summary Statement

Approved: 4-25-16