

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: April 25, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Foxborough High School Media Center

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

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. The committee offered their condolences to FHS student Joseph Gerraughty on the recent loss of a family member. A moment of silence was held.

Visitors

None.

Approval of Minutes

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of April 4, 2016, as amended

Vote: 4-0-0

Udden moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the Policy Subcommittee meeting minutes of April 12, 2016 as presented

Vote: 4-0-0

Teaching and Learning Highlight

Dr. Berdos presented a recap of the 5th Annual District-Wide Parent Technology Night held on April 5, 2016. Dr. Berdos explained the objective of evening was to show how technology is used in our classrooms and how teachers are integrating technology to improve student learning.

The technology vision, our evolving journey as a district, and plans for the future were discussed. A video prepared by our technology integration specialists showed snippets in time over the past school year of teachers and students using technology in the classroom. The importance of having a technology integration specialist in each school was emphasized as they have been able to work daily with teachers to bring appropriate, exciting and innovative technology into the classroom. This has allowed students to become proficient with many different tools and software programs and has truly enhancing learning.

Discussion with the committee followed. It was agreed that as a district the acquisition of technology has kept the emphasis on teaching and learning.

FHS Textbook Adoption – Advanced Placement European History

Social Studies Department Head Mr. Tom Murray requested adoption of a text for Advanced Placement European History, *Western Civilization 9th Edition: Since 1300*, noting that the current text has been used for 15 years. Mr. Murray described the process of textbook research and review and explained the chosen text provides updated instructional and curriculum resources such as updated Document Based Questions and online learning solutions. Dr. Berdos further explained the timeline for purchasing a new text was last year. The funding sources for this purchase will be the FY '16 FHS textbook budget.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Appropriate \$6,048.00 for the purchase of fifty (50) copies of *Western Civilization 9th Edition: Since 1300* for FHS AP European History

Vote: 4-0-0

First Reading of Policies

Ms. Belanger discussed the work of revising and editing policy. The following policies were read in their entirety: GCCC/GDCC: Family and Medical Leave; JJF: Student Activity Accounts; ADAA: Long Range Strategic Planning. The rationale for revisions was reviewed, and discussion among the committee ensued after each reading.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Motion that Policy GCCC/GDCC: Family and Medical Leave be brought forward for a second reading at the next School Committee meeting as amended

Vote: 4-0-0

Lord moved; Udden seconded

Recommend Policy JJF: Student Activity Accounts be brought forward for a second reading at the next School Committee meeting as amended

Vote: 4-0-0

Weiss moved; Udden seconded

Recommend that Policy ADAA: Long Range Strategic Planning be brought forward for a second reading at the next School Committee meeting as amended

Vote: 4-0-0

Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Quarterly Report

Ms. Spinelli reviewed the latest Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Quarterly Report as of March 2016. Topics contained in this report were referrals and enrollment, status of the FY '16 budget, parent information events, regional training and an upcoming transition expo.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded
Accept the Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Quarterly Report as of March 2016 as presented
Vote: 4-0-0

Acceptance of Donations

The committee was presented with four donations for consideration.

Udden moved; Lord seconded
Accept with much gratitude a donation from the Partners in Patriotism Fund in the amount of \$500.00 for recess equipment at the Ahern Middle School
Vote: 4-0-0

Weiss moved; Udden seconded
Accept with much gratitude a donation from the Partners in Patriotism Fund in the amount of \$3,400.00 to support the Tower Garden Project
Vote: 4-0-0

Lord moved; Weiss seconded
Accept a \$1,000.00 donation graciously donated by the Partners in Patriotism Fund to the High School Theatre Guild
Vote: 4-0-0

Lord moved; Weiss seconded
Accept with gratitude a donation made by Raytheon in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Ahern Middle School in honor of Ms. Diane McDonough, a 2015 STEM Teacher of the Year finalist, in support of STEM education

Congratulations were extended to Ms. McDonough on this accomplishment.

Lord motioned to enter executive session at 8:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies with union personnel (Foxborough Extended Day Staff)
Vote: Belanger – aye; Lord – aye; Udden – aye; Weiss - aye

The committee returned to open session at 8:50 pm.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded
Approve the FPS Extended Day Staff Memorandum of Agreement dated September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019 as presented
Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Belanger thanked the committee and negotiation representatives for their work on this new contract.

Other Matters

Ms. Spinelli noted the last Superintendent's Coffee and Conversations will be held tomorrow evening (April 26) at the Boyden Public Library's Fuller Room.

Ms. Lord thanked the World Language staff for their very successful World Language and Culture Night and Ms. Kathie Leighton for a wonderful Expanding Horizons summer enrichment program.

Ms. Spinelli noted that math camp and computer science camp are again offered through the Expanding Horizons summer enrichment program.

Ms. Lord complimented the Art Department on the Minumental Art Show on display at the media center.

Ms. Weiss gave an update on the DECA competition; thanked everyone for a wonderful first year as a School Committee member; and looked forward to next week's election.

Ms. Spinelli noted the annual Day on the Hill is scheduled for tomorrow, April 26th. She will be attending along with Ms. Lord and Ms. Weiss. Several important funding bill updates are on the agenda.

Mr. Udden noted it is his last meeting and sincerely thanked the public and the committee for their support. The committee thanked Mr. Udden for his commitment and service.

Ms. Belanger mentioned several items:

- the upcoming Burrell School Walkathon, a DIPG research fundraiser in memory of former Burrell student Danny Nickerson;
- the successful History Department trip to Italy and France;
- and several upcoming Music Department events.

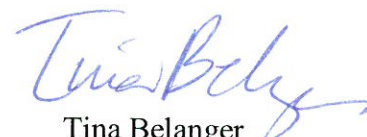
Udden moved; Lord seconded

Adjourn the meeting

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Belanger
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Regular meeting minutes of April 4, 2016
Policy Subcommittee meeting minutes of April 12, 2016
FPS District-Wide Parent Technology Night
Advanced Placement European History Textbook Adoption Request
Policy GCCC/GDCC – Family and Medical Leave
Policy JJF Student Activity Accounts
Policy ADAA Long Range Strategic Planning
BICO Quarterly Update March 2016
Partners in Patriotism Fund Donations (3)
Raytheon Donation
Extended Day Staff Memorandum of Agreement
FPS Enrollment as of April 1, 2016
FPS Summer Enrichment Program Brochure

Approved: 5/16/16