

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: May 16, 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: were not present

Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. He welcomed the newest committee member, Mr. Chris Connolly; congratulated Ms. Marilyn Weiss on her reelection; thanked Mr. Steve Udden for his years of service; and thanked those who ran in the School Committee race.

Mr. Chris Connolly introduced himself and gave a brief biography.

School Committee Reorganization

Mr. Gardner explained the committee will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair/Secretary for the 2016-2017 school year. He then opened the nominations from the floor for School Committee Chair.

Ms. Lord offered a general explanation of the reorganization process and a brief history of prior reorganizations.

Ms. Weiss nominated Ms. Belanger for the position of Chair for the 2016-2017 school year.

It was noted there were no other nominations.

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

Ms. Belanger opened nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair/Secretary for the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Weiss nominated Ms. Lord for the position of Vice Chair/Secretary for the 2016-2017 school year.

It was noted there were no other nominations.

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

Visitors

None.

Approval of Minutes

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2016 as presented

Vote: 3-0-2 (Gardner and Connolly abstaining)

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Approve the executive session minutes of April 25, 2016 as presented

Vote: 3-0-2 (Gardner and Connolly abstaining)

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Release the executive session minutes of April 25, 2016 as presented

Vote: 3-0-2 (Gardner and Connolly abstaining)

Teaching and Learning Highlight

Ms. Spinelli introduced Ms. Alison Mello, K-8 Math/Science Director; Ms. Nancy Curran, Grade 2 teacher at Taylor; Ms. Jaclyn Zabbo, Grade 3 teacher at Taylor; and two second grade and three third grade Taylor Elementary School students who presented an interactive and informative session on Number Talks. Ms. Mello explained the concept of Number Talks and the goals of increasing number sense and improving math practices. Along with the committee members and guided by their respective teachers, students worked through math problems on the spot, collaborated with each other, and shared the many ways a math problem can be solved. Students used hand signals to communicate and employed mental math to increase computational fluency. Questions and discussion with the committee followed.

Update on FHS Guidance Services

Ms. Laureen White, FHS Guidance Department Head, and Ms. Beth Sylvia, FHS Assistant Principal, gave the annual Guidance Department update, noting that the Guidance Department provides a variety and vast amount of services to students based on their needs. Referencing the 2016 Year-End Guidance Report, areas discussed were the FHS Guidance vision, functions of the Naviance network, transition from middle school to high school, advanced placement courses, college counseling, developmental guidance, career specialist services, and college and scholarship services. Discussion with the committee followed.

Town of Foxborough Financial Policy Review

Mr. Randy Scollins, Foxborough's Finance Director/Town Accountant, Advisory Committee member Mr. Larry Thomas, and Mr. John Spinney, School Committee Representative to the Audit Committee, presented information regarding town financial policy. Mr. Scollins reviewed recommended financial policies for the town of Foxborough with a desire to formalize the Town's existing practices and adopt financial policies in order to provide consistency from year to year and administration to administration. He noted that adopting uniform policies will also positively affect the town's credit rating, translating into less costs to borrow funds. Specific areas of discussion were the town's current credit rating, Standard & Poor's rating and

recommendation, specific financial policies needing to be formally adopted, and the process to adopt financial policies. Mr. Scollins described each policy area and discussed target and actual expenditures for each fund/reserve. The goal of the presentation was to obtain the School Committee's endorsement to continue with policy adoption. Questions and discussion among the committee followed.

Connolly moved; Lord seconded

Approve the recommended financial policies for the Town of Foxborough as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Second Reading of Policies

Ms. Belanger reviewed the revisions of policies GCCC/GDCC – Family and Medical Leave; JJF – Student Activity Accounts; and ADAA – Long Range Strategic Planning, all of which were read in their entirety and discussed at the last school committee meeting.

Lord moved; Connolly seconded

Waive the second reading of policy GCCC/GDCC – Family and Medical Leave

Vote: 5-0-0

Gardner moved; Lord seconded

Adopt policy GCCC/GDCC – Family and Medical Leave as amended

Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Waive the second reading of policy JJF – Student Activity Accounts

Vote: 5-0-0

Gardner moved; Connolly seconded

Adopt policy JJF – Student Activity Accounts as amended

Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Lord seconded

Waive the second reading of policy ADAA – Long Range Strategic Planning

Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Connolly seconded

Adopt policy ADAA – Long Range Strategic Planning as amended

Vote: 5-0-0

School Committee Vote to Reappoint Ms. Debra Spinelli as a Voting Member of the Bi-County Collaborative Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 School Year

Per legislation each board member of the Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Board of Directors must be reappointed annually. Therefore, the following motion was made.

Gardner moved; Lord seconded
Reappoint Ms. Debbie Spinelli to the Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 school year
Vote: 5-0-0

Other Matters

Two donations were presented for the committee's consideration.

Gardner moved; Weiss seconded
Accept with gratitude a donation from the Wampanoag Runners' Club in the amount of \$150.00 in support of FHS Track/Cross Country
Vote: 5-0-0

Weiss moved; Gardner seconded
Accept with gratitude a donation from Invensys Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 for the annual summer math camp program
Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Spinelli reported that the next Annual Senior Citizens Visiting Day, "*Spring into Schools,*" will be held on June 10, 2016. Participants will visit the Ahern Middle School for Grade 6 STEM day. The event includes a keynote speaker from Raytheon.

Ms. Belanger expressed kudos to Ms. Diane McDonough for coordinating the Grade 6 STEM Day.

Mr. Yukna informed the committee that Ms. Allison Johnson, Director of Food Services, has given her formal resignation. The search process is underway, and Ms. Johnson will complete the school year.

Ms. Spinelli noted that Athletic Director Ms. Caitlin Brown will also be moving on to become Assistant Principal at Andover High School.

Ms. Weiss remarked that the annual Street Painting Festival will be held at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, May 21, and that the Mr. FHS event has been rescheduled to May 19.

Ms. Lord extended kudos to the Music Department for their wonderful Pops performances.

Mr. Connolly reported he was able to attend a Pops concert and Jazz concert.

Ms. Spinelli noted that the Ahern Middle School Grade Jazz Band has never sounded better.

Ms. Belanger noted this Friday the high school will hold its first Heinricher Hustle, a 2-mile race to honor former FHS Assistant Principal Joe Heinricher and raise funds for the Joe Heinricher

Scholarship Fund. She also mentioned there will be two concerts at the Ahern Middle School this week and that students at the Burrell will be performing the *Lion King Kids* this weekend.

Mr. Gardner mentioned receipt of a letter from St. Mary's Parish regarding a Baccalaureate Mass for all 2016 graduates to be held on June 5, at 9:00 a.m.

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 not return to open session.

Ms. Weiss seconded

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

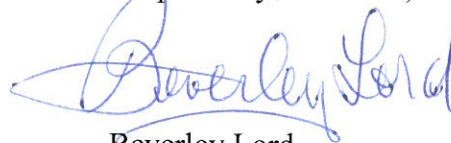
Gardner moved; Connolly seconded

Adjourn the meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverley Lord
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2016
Executive session minutes of April 25, 2016
2016 Guidance Department Year-End Report
Recommended Financial Policies for the Town of Foxborough
Policy GCCC/GDCC – Family Leave Policy
Policy JJF – Student Activity Accounts
Policy ADAA – Long Range Strategic Planning
Annual Appointment BICO Board of Directors
Wampanoag Runners Club Donation
Invensys Systems, Inc. Donation

Approved: 6/6/16