

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: August 29, 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

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Ms. Belanger called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

*Visitors*

None.

*Approval of Minutes*

Gardner moved; Lord seconded

Approve the special meeting minutes of July 18, 2016 as presented

Vote: 4-0-1 (Weiss abstaining)

Gardner moved; Weiss seconded

Approve the policy subcommittee meeting minutes of August 15, 2016 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

*Update on Summer Work and Preparation for the Opening of School*

Director of Technology Aaron Hyre presented a technology update regarding summer work, reporting that a new town-wide phone system was deployed that will improve communication across the district and augment safety and security plans. The installation of over 500 phones in all school buildings, Town Hall, Council on Aging, Recreation Department, Water and Sewer Department and the Department of Public Works was an enormous project. The new system includes several new features including intercom and paging and integrates with the card access and security system. Mr. Yukna described the setup of the new phone system.

Additional technology projects included installation of an enhanced security camera system in all five schools; installation of four new file servers for data storage (town and schools); installation of a PowerSchool server; the addition of Microsoft Classroom to the Office 365 Suite; annual computer, printer and white board updates and replacements; annual software license and application upgrades; updated network data storage capabilities; network switch upgrades, and additional wireless deployments.

Mr. Hyre thanked the custodial staff and his technology team for their hard work and assistance with these summer projects. Ms. Belanger acknowledged the thoughtful approach taken to install the security and phone systems.

Facilities Manager Tony Moussalli joined the meeting and introduced Mr. Carl Fuller, the new Assistant Facilities Manager. Mr. Moussalli presented a summer facilities update. Projects were described at each of the five schools and on the town side. Some highlights were: removal and installation of the flag pole at Igo Elementary; painting of entrance way railings and support columns at the Taylor School; classroom painting, classroom tile removal and replacement, and installation of a specialized exercise area at the Ahern; office space updates, painting, and renovation to add a new conference room at the high school; and district-wide installation of a new security alarm system, along with general maintenance.

The committee expressed their appreciation for a job well done.

#### ***School Committee Vote to Approve 2016-2017 School District Goals***

Ms. Belanger reminded the public that school district goals are reviewed and updated annually. Goals are set in five categories: Communication/Community Relations; Student Achievement; Financial Management; Policy Development; and Superintendent's Performance. Each section focuses on where we are and where we are going the next year, and when finalized are published on the FPS main web page.

Gardner moved; Lord seconded

Approve the School District Goals for 2016-2017 as amended

Vote: 5-0-0

#### ***First Reading of Policies***

After review by the Policy Subcommittee, the following policies were brought forth for a first reading: IHAMB-Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco; JICG-Tobacco Use by Students; JICH-Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibited; and JLCD-Administering Medicines to Students. Each policy was read in its entirety. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lord recommended each policy go on to a second reading, with the exception of policy JICG-Tobacco Use by Students which is being deleted as this information is now contained in file JICH-Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibited. The committee agreed by consensus.

#### ***School Committee Appointment: Delegate to MASC Convention***

Ms. Belanger noted that a delegate to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) convention is voted on every year. It was also noted that Ms. Lord has been the delegate at past conventions. After discussion the following motion was made.

Gardner moved; Connolly seconded

Appoint Ms. Beverley Lord to serve as delegate to the November 2016 MASC Convention

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Spinelli read a letter from MASC congratulating Ms. Lord on receiving the 2016 MASC Lifetime Achievement award. It stated that this honor recognizes her “*contributions to the children of the Foxborough School District, both through your years of service on the school committee and the many activities in which you have participated as an advocate for children.*” The committee and administration congratulated Ms. Lord on this achievement.

***Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Quarterly Update***

Ms. Spinelli updated the committee regarding the Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Quarterly Update as of June 2016. The quarterly report focused on increased enrollment, increased professional development offerings, summer programming and a new transportation contract to a single vendor model.

***Other Matters***

Ms. Spinelli mentioned that tomorrow is opening day for faculty and staff and during the next week teachers will be participating in three days of professional development and faculty meetings. Last week, New Teacher Orientation welcomed nineteen new teachers to the district along with new administrators.

Ms. Lord wished everyone a challenging and successful year.

Ms. Weiss briefly updated the committee on recent meetings of the Opioid Task Force.

Ms. Spinelli remarked that the Athletic Department is running a fall sports night for athletes and their families on Thursday, September 1, at 6:30 pm. The event will feature a speaker and video sponsored by the Foxborough Police Department. Ms. Spinelli thanked Chief O’Leary for the Police Department’s involvement in this presentation.

Mr. Connolly wished everyone a safe and fun school year.

Mr. Yukna gave a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Burrell School renovation project update.

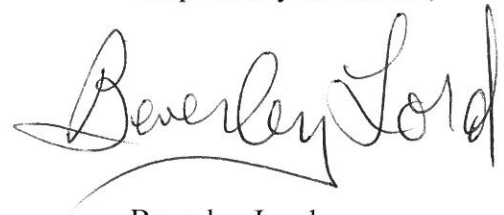
Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Adjourn the meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverley Lord". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Beverley Lord  
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Special meeting minutes of July 18, 2016

Policy subcommittee minutes of August 15, 2016

2016-2017 District Goals

Policy IHAMB – Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

Policy JICG – Tobacco Use by Students

Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibited

Policy JLCD – Administering Medicines to Students

Delegate Form – MASC Convention

Bi-County Collaborative June 2016 Quarterly Report

Approved: September 19, 2016