

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: November 16, 2015

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: Ms. Mical Henriquez (Ms. Melissa Lynch was absent)

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

Visitors

Ms. Josephine Rego and Ms. Jennifer Keen, members of the BIT Auction Tri-Board, highlighted the upcoming BIT Auction scheduled for November 20, 2015 at Lakeview Pavilion at 7 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Udden moved; Belanger seconded

Approve policy subcommittee meeting minutes of October 9, 2015 as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Udden moved; Lord seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2015 as amended

Vote: 5-0-0

Teaching and Learning Highlight

Ms. Spinelli introduced Ms. Kelly Arcacha, FHS Art Teacher and FHS students Julianne Bridges, Allison Curran, Matthew Curreri, Kelsey McDonald, Fabrice Mercier and Michael Rellava, all graphic design students who are enrolled in Senior Inc., the third course in the graphic design curriculum.

The students described their creative process which included meeting with real-world clients to determine product design, use and target audience; brainstorming and creating a mind map; and designing the end product. Particular projects highlighted on their PowerPoint presentation were the recent Mega Math Day at Igo Elementary School, design of the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) logo, a T-shirt design for an ALS fundraising event, and ongoing work with the FPS foodservice department. Discussion with the School Committee followed.

2015 MCAS, PARCC and Baseline & Benchmarks Report and Review of Results

Ms. Spinelli introduced Dr. Amy Berdos to present the 2015 MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) and PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) results and the 2015 Baseline and Benchmarks Report. The information was reported in three documents: 2015 MCAS Results for English Language Arts and Mathematics for grade 10 and Science Engineering Technology for grades 5, 8 and 10; 2015 PARCC Results for English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics for grades 3-8, 9 and 11; Foxborough Public Schools Baselines and Benchmarks Report. Dr. Berdos introduced Curriculum Directors and Department Heads Ms. Dianne Casilli, Ms. Alison Mello, Ms. Shannon Wasilewski, Ms. Susan Carle and Mr. Paul Charpentier who each reported in their area of expertise. Overall the data shows that Foxborough students continue to outperform state average in nearly every test.

Dr. Berdos noted that PARCC results represent a two-year test drive with this new national assessment with FPS participating in field testing in 2014 and pilot testing in 2015. The PARCC test is considered more rigorous than MCAS, contains a higher set of standards and requires application of real-world skills.

Data was also reported on the increase in the number of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses as well as AP offerings, a breakdown of AP scores, SAT data, ACT data and continuing education data.

Second Reading of Policy IJNDB – Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) -Students

Ms. Belanger noted this is the second reading of this policy. The policy revision included deleting unnecessary language, updating of one sentence, and the addition of a cross reference.

Lord moved; Weiss seconded

Waive the second reading of Policy IJNDB – Internet Acceptable Use Policy – Students
Vote: 5-0-0

Belanger moved; Weiss seconded

Approve Policy IJNDB – Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) – Students as revised
Vote: 5-0-0

Athletic/Wellness Personnel: Request for Additional Swim Coach and Wellness Center Supervisors for FY 16

Ms. Spinelli presented a proposal to add an Assistant Swim Team Coach and two Wellness Center Supervisors in the Athletic Department for the 2015-2016 school year. Rationale for the proposed additions focused on the increasing number of students participating in the swim team and the needs of student-athletes and all high school students to have appropriate supervision at the Wellness Center throughout the school year.

Weiss moved; Udden seconded

Approve an additional swim team coach for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$3,126

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Spinelli outlined the related proposal to add wellness center staff at FHS noting that providing additional supervisors for the winter and spring seasons would support the needs of all students and optimize the use of the Wellness Center. Discussion among the committee ensued.

Lord moved; Belanger seconded

Approve the hiring of two additional Wellness Center Supervisors for for the 2015-2016 school year for the winter and spring seasons at a cost of \$2,234 each

Vote: 5-0-0

MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committees) Conference Update

School Committee members who attended the MASC/MASS (Massachusetts Association of School Committees/Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents) Joint Meeting in November 2015 described their experiences and workshops/seminars attended while there. The conference provides valuable and timely information for school committee members and school superintendents. Of note was the announcement of the Hockomock Area YMCA as winner of the 2015 MASC Outstanding Community Partner Award.

FY 16 Budget Update

Mr. Yukna presented the FY 16 Budget Update as of November 12, 2015. Salary line adjustments, fuel bill costs, and the purchase of a replacement pickup truck for the Maintenance Department were discussed. With the additional stipends approved during this meeting, there is a projected surplus of approximately \$22,580.

Lord moved; Udden seconded

Approve the FY 16 Budget Update as of November 12, 2015

Vote: 5-0-0

Other Matters

Ms. Spinelli noted that the FHS Theater Guild will be presenting *Eurydice* on November 19, 20 and 21; mentioned the recent Evening of American Jazz concert was simply exquisite; and thanked the Diamond Club Boosters who met recently with school officials regarding plans for the baseball/softball complex.

Ms. Belanger reported that parent conferences will be held next week; the Thanksgiving football game will take place on Thursday; and the Ahern Middle School is holding an Office 365 workshop for parents this evening.

Mr. Udden thanked Board of Selectmen for a constructive joint session.

Lord moved; Belanger seconded

Go into executive session for the purpose of discussing wage/contract negotiations with Non-Union Personnel. The committee will not return to open session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Belanger
Secretary/Clerk

Attachments:

Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2015

Regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2015

2015 MCAS and PARCC Results

2015 Baseline and Benchmarks Report

Policy IJNDB – Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)-Students

Request for Additional Stipends: Swim Team Assistant Coach and Wellness Center Supervisors

FY 16 Budget Summary Statement of November 12, 2015

Approved: December 7, 2015