

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH

Regular Meeting

Date: October 7, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Foxborough High School Media Center

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Tina Belanger, Mr. Richard Pearson,
Ms. Beverley Lord, Mr. Rob Canfield; Mr. Brent Ruter

SCHOOL STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Amy Berdos, Dr. Alison Mello, Mr. William Yukna

Ms. Belanger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Open Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Pearson moved; Lord seconded

Approve the regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2019, as amended

Vote: 5-0-0

Ruter moved; Pearson seconded

Approve the special meeting minutes of September 23, 2019, as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

Teaching and Learning Highlight

Dr. Berdos introduced new Athletic Director Mr. Joe Cusack who joined FPS on September 16th. Mr. Cusack addressed the Committee, shared his background information, and discussed his involvement in high school and youth sports as well as his coaching experience in Foxborough. He expressed his appreciation for this opportunity and described how he would approach the job. Welcome and discussion with the Committee followed.

2019 Culture and Climate Survey Results

Dr. Berdos presented a comprehensive and thorough review and analysis of the 2019 Culture and Climate Survey results. This is the eighth year this annual perception survey was administered. A total of 2,293 parents, teachers and students in grades 5-12 completed the survey. K12 Insight reported that the overall message continues to be one of stability and consistency each year. Data was reported over five years -- from 2015-2019.

This year's survey had the highest participation rate to date. The intent of the survey is to provide all stakeholders a voice, reflect on where we need to dig deeper, identify what we may be missing, and revise questions as times and topics change.

Results and analysis were reported in a PowerPoint presentation and contained data gathered on the following topics: Overview, Dimension of Culture and Climate, Academic Preparation, Student Support, Parent Engagement/Involvement, Safety and Behavior, School Operations, School Leadership, Faculty Relations and Support, Interactions with School Leaders, and other relevant topics. The analysis of this data is used at the school and district levels to make improvement and planning decisions that strengthen our schools. Each area was reported on and discussed in detail. School Committee members asked questions and examined specific topics and results during the presentation.

Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Quarterly Report

Dr. Berdos discussed the September 30, 2019 BICO Quarterly Report. Topics included opening of school, professional development, increase in enrollment, space expansion, and an increase in referrals. A review of current facilities to determine student capacity will be a focus at BICO this school year.

October 1, 2019 Enrollment Update

Dr. Berdos reported that student enrollment as of October 1, 2019 was 2,584 students. Enrollment on this date is reported to the state each year as the official enrollment for the start of school.

Acceptance of Donation – FHS Landscaping

Mr. Yukna presented an anonymous donation made to beautify and enhance the main entrance to Foxborough High School. The landscaping work included installation of sidewalks, benches, bushes, plants and shrubs, at a total cost of \$10,157. At the request of Ms. Belanger, the following note from the donor was read into the record:

This donation beautifying the entrance to Foxborough High School was made to recognize and celebrate the many wonderful students and staff that have entered in the past, and are now regularly attending this special place, to grow and learn and participate.

After discussion the following motion was made:

Ruter moved; Pearson seconded

Accept the anonymous donation in the amount of \$10,157 used to beautify the entrance to Foxborough High School, with extreme gratitude

Vote: 5-0-0

Other Matters

Dr. Berdos noted Friday is a Professional Development Day and Monday a holiday, which gives students a four-day weekend.

Ms. Lord remarked she was happy to see our student athletes on the Sam Berns Community Field this evening under the lights. She reported on the French exchange visit and reception, and the installation of the PTO-sponsored Debbie Spinelli Little Free Library at Taylor Elementary School in honor of former Superintendent Debbie Spinelli.

The Committee resolved their upcoming November 4th meeting conflict by rescheduling the October 21st meeting to October 28th, and canceling School Committee for November 4th to accommodate the Special Town Meeting scheduled for that same evening.

Ms. Belanger mentioned that this weekend is homecoming weekend, with the football game on Friday night (10/11) and the Homecoming dance on Saturday (10/12).

Mr. Yukna provided a brief update on the Burrell School Renovation Project and the status of the concession stand at the FHS athletic complex.

Lord moved; Pearson seconded
Adjourn the meeting
Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Pearson
Clerk

Attachments:

Regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2019
Special meeting minutes of September 23, 2019
Joseph Cusack Resume
2019 Culture and Climate Survey Results and Analysis
Bi-County Collaborative (BICO) Quarterly Report September 30, 2019
FPS October 1, 2019 Enrollment
FHS Landscaping Donation

Approved: October 28, 2019