

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bueno, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Kuechler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Veitch (Prior Notice), Mr. Monroe (Prior Notice)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Kohler, Mrs. Tavares

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OTHERS PRESENT: Kimberly LeBlanc, FEA President, Mira Yin, Student Advisory Representative, Abigail Bernardo, Student Advisory Representative
Diane Hahn, Community Member

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

The chair informed the audience that the meeting was being videotaped.

Roll Call: Bueno, Powers, McKenna, Kuechler

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Bueno to approve the April 3, 2019 regular session minutes. Voted 3-0-1 Mrs. McKenna abstained

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Bueno to approve the April 3, 2019 executive session minutes. Voted 3-0-1 Mrs. McKenna abstained

During the public comment section of the School Committee agenda, Mrs. Diane Hahn, resident at 86 Francis Street, spoke to the School Committee regarding the "Light It Up Blue" for Autism Awareness that takes place each year on April 2nd.

Mira Ying and Abigail Bernardo informed the School Committee of recent and upcoming events taking place at FHS.

The School Committee received and placed on file the April 1, 2019 monthly enrollment.

Mr. Andrew Davey gave the School Committee an update regarding the CP7 Summer Institute 2019.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the state budget. Dr. Baldwin told the School Committee that he is disappointed with the initial numbers.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the FY'20 budget process. Dr. Baldwin stated that it is at a standstill for now.

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Bueno to suspend the rules of the School Committee meeting to allow for public comment regarding the FPS School Choice Participation. Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee a quick overview of what being a School Choice school would entail. There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mrs. McKenna to close the public hearing regarding School Choice and re-open the regular School Committee meeting. Voted 4-0 unanimously

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Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Bueno to participate in School Choice for the 2019-2020 School year. Voted 0-4 Motion fails.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an overview of "What's Next". Dr. Baldwin stated that we cannot remain stagnant in the educational program. Mrs. Kohler gave the School Committee a presentation regarding innovation pathways.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2019

Motion made by Mrs. McKenna and seconded by Mrs. Powers to approve the change to the Southern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) classroom lease agreement. Voted 4-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mrs. McKenna to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting go into executive session and not return into regular session. Roll call: Bueno-yes, Powers-yes, McKenna-yes, Kuechler-yes. Voted 4-0 unanimously

Adjourned 7:36p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Baldwin", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Robert Baldwin, Ed.D
Secretary to the School Committee
Fairhaven Public Schools