

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 25, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Veitch (with prior notice)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Kohler, Ms. Bouchard

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OTHERS PRESENT: Isabelle Pacheco, Student Advisory Representative, Mr. Mota – Representing CP7 Summer Institute Staff, Mr. Munce – Representing CP7 Summer Institute Staff; Felecia Connelly – Food Services Representative, Mark Santos – Son of the late Gil Santos

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bueno, Kuechler, McKenna, Monroe, Powers

Motion made by Stasia Powers, seconded by Kyle Bueno to approve regular minutes of September 11, 2019 (with amendment regarding motion to vote to authorize the superintendent made by Stasia Powers not Brian Monroe). Minutes were unanimously approved, 5-0.

There was no public comment.

Abigail Bernardo was absent from School Committee with prior notice. Isabelle Pacheco informed the School Committee of recent and upcoming events taking place at FHS. Reviewed how athletics are performing as well as reviewed the upcoming fundraisers.

CP7 Summer Institute

Dr. Baldwin gave overview of CP7 fundraising and video introduction. Dr. Baldwin also spoke about the annual upcoming fundraiser to benefit CP7. Dr. Baldwin introduced Mr. Mota and Mr. Munce who participated and ran the Summer Institute 2019. Mr. Mota spoke of CP7's emphasis on S.T.E.A.M. and Soccer and informed the audience that 188 students attended the program this summer. Dr. Baldwin questioned the hosting venue as CP7 has been held at Fairhaven High School and Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. Mr. Munce stated that they preferred EHMS as they were able to have lunch outside and the classrooms fit their needs. Mr. Mota also spoke of the volunteers they had. They had 10 volunteers from the boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams that helped with the Institute all summer. Video played in the background and commenced the presentation. After presentation from Mr. Mota & Mr. Munce, the School Committee had comments for Mr. Munce & Mr. Mota.

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Donna McKenna hopes for growth and expansion. Suggested that if need is presented, perhaps they could use the Fairhaven High School gym with the AC?

Stasia Powers spoke as a parent about how good she thought the program was.

Kyle Bueno and Pam Kuechler thanked them for their hard work.

Brian Monroe thanked them as well and appreciates all that is being done.

Food Services

Dr. Baldwin introduced Felecia Connelly from Food Services. Ms. Connelly presented a slide show indicating that Food Services has been profitable along with ups and downs. The challenges they are facing is finding good labor for minimum wage. The highlights are:

- Infused water (citrus, cucumber, fruit, etc.) at all schools
- Tower Gardens at Wood, East, EHMS
- Local produce – Corn, kale, tomatoes
- Fresh smoothies daily
- Student Choice Menu Concepts - Kids vote on their laptops
- Homemade Soups
- Staff Appreciation
- Successful DESE Audit – No major findings

Stasia Powers asked how we can help. This was in reference to helping find good labor. Ms. Powers suggested putting it on social media to reach some of our parents.

Strategic Improvement Plan 2020

The components include:

- Increasing meal participation with a focus on breakfast
- Catering within the District
- Student participation
- Organic waste tracking in elementary schools
 - Begin using compost bags to create dirt for gardening school from waste in kitchen.
- ID's in elementary school.

SMEC went to New Bedford for Food Service this year, however, Ms. Connelly still partners with them to have workers come in and work in the kitchen.

Ms. Kuechler commented on catering and she is glad Food Services engages the kids with new ideas and responsiveness.

Fairhaven High School Stadium Press Box

Dr. Baldwin introduced Mr. Mark Santos. Originally presented in the spring, Mr. Santos has been met with already to get the Press Box named for his late father, Gil Santos (a Fairhaven High graduate). The Press Box needs some TLC and a ceremony for the unveiling was suggested.

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Mr. Santos presented and spoke of his father's achievements. Mr. Santos also stated that his father would be so proud as he always wanted to be known as a local guy.

PK stated that Gil Santos epitomizes the connection to hometown.

BM suggested that the art students/departments get involved with the signage, design, plaques, etc. Dr. Baldwin agreed.

Pam Kuechler motioned to approve, and Donna McKenna seconded, to name the Fairhaven High School Stadium Press Box after Gil Santos. Approved, unanimously, 5-0.

District Improvement Plan

School Committee had received documents prior to meeting. Discussed were the bullet pointed action plan including having 5-6 total goals (It was pointed out that this is more than what is recommended); physical safety, guidance, K-2 learning, Teaching and Learning, afterschool care, and school psychologists.

Brian Monroe asked School Committee to review documentation and provide feedback regarding plan at the next meeting. Mr. Monroe also asked Dr. Baldwin to choose focuses for evaluation.

Ms. Kuechler appreciated the format as she found it easy and clear cut.

Brian Monroe suggested that once approved, there should be a quarterly presentation to go through goals and their status. Dr. Baldwin reaffirmed that plans do come to fruition and gave examples of how Fairhaven Public Schools has implemented previous plans.

FY20 Budget

Dr. Baldwin reviewed budget. In this review, he pointed out that the numbers for Out of District Tuition and Transportation change frequently. Dr. Baldwin stated that the budget was reduced and that the 2 areas we didn't receive were the Out of District Tuition and Transportation. Dr. Baldwin continued to review line items on the budget documents as well as the breakdown. Transportation and Out of District Tuition are 10% of total budget. Dr. Baldwin stated that the deficit was submitted as of 9/20; it was handed to the Town Administrator. We are on the docket for the calculated amount of \$241,892.10 for the FY20.

FY21 Budget

Dr. Baldwin spoke regarding the upcoming budget and stated that he would hope that Fairhaven Public Schools would benefit but that we need to see the foundation allowance. Dr. Baldwin discussed years past underfunding due to the original foundation formula that was found to be flawed.

MCAS/Accountability Data

Information was received by the School Committee at the meeting. Dr. Baldwin reviewed the data with the audience and spoke of closing the gap between the elementary schools, EHMS and FHS performance. The data for grades 3-5 was reviewed, discussing 2017 vs. 2018. Tara Kohler gave examples of possible changes to help. The data for grades 6-8 was reviewed, discussing 2017 vs. 2018. The data for FHS, grade 10 was reviewed, 2018 Spring Legacy testing vs. 2019 Spring Next Gen testing, and it was mentioned that innovation increase plays a role in the numbers. Also, discussed was Science and Technical Engineering for grade 5, Spring 2018 Legacy testing vs. Spring 2019 Next Gen testing.

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Kyle Bueno commented that scores paint a certain picture, but we encompass so much more such as socio-emotional health and more initiatives going forward. Dr. Baldwin stated that we make a concerted effort to address the socio-emotional needs. Brian Monroe commented on East doing much better.

Kyle Bueno recently toured FHS. He acknowledged the Chormebook usage. Thanked Andy Kulak for tour and updates.

Brian Monroe presented the MASC/MASS Conference. The conference is 11/6-9, 2019. Ms. Bouchard to get him the information to register.

Dr. Baldwin stated that the Secretarial Unit ratified (he was notified by legal) and will discuss at next meeting.

No Executive Session. Motion made to adjourn by Pam Kuechler, seconded by Donna McKenna. Adjourned, unanimously, 5-0 at 7:55pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Baldwin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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