

## FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 17, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bueno, Mr. Veitch, Ms. McKenna, Ms. Kuechler, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Monroe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Kohler, Mrs. Potter, Ms. Bouchard, Mrs. Sullivan, Ms. Matthews

STAFF ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the community and staff

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Monroe at 6:33pm.

Mr. Monroe went over the recording policies of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a roll call of committee members: Mr. Andersen, Mr. Bueno, Ms. Kuechler, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Monroe

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2021 was made by Ms. Kuechler, seconded by Mr. Veitch, 6-0, approved, unanimously.

Report of the Student Advisory Committee

Ms. Foster spoke Media Arts Club, Interact Club, Veterans' Day Parade, Student Council, the Student Craft Fair, and National Art Honor Society. Adin Monroe spoke about football, drama club, and fundraising.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Receive update regarding status of COVID19.

Mrs. Kohler presented. She stated that the numbers are stable. The Test & Stay Program is up and running. The Commissioner will decide January 15<sup>th</sup> what comes next.

Receive update regarding Turf Project at FHS.

Mrs. Potter presented. After the storm damage to the field, the turf and fences have been repaired. They are completing the main entrance. It is still unknown as to when we will receive the wrap and visitor bleachers.

Receive update regarding Hockey incident involving our Cooperative Team with Old Rochester Regional High School.

Mrs. Kohler presented. There was a hazing incident reported to us by Old Rochester. They investigated it. It was an independent event, and none of our staff were responsible to be there. It was a parental event. We are taking it very seriously. We are looking into the rules and why they were meeting ahead of the season. Old Rochester is the host team; we co-op with them. Therefore, they have jurisdiction over the investigation and other parts of it. Please talk to your children about hazing. We do not have any tolerance for this.

Receive update on the Alumni Stadium restroom project including funding.

Mrs. Kohler presented. She stated that the bid came in and it came in grossly over budget. She will be asking to move funds from the 2000's to the 7000's. But, we are going to table the vote to award the bid.

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Receive update regarding the Family Engagement Center.

Mrs. Kohler introduced Mrs. Sullivan & Ms. Matthews, representing the Family Engagement Center. The Family Engagement Center is one way we can meet the extra needs of families. They are trying to create a welcoming, safe space. Ms. Matthews has created a document that lists all of the resources. This has everything from medical to food banks to utilities. She has given the document to all the counselors. Ms. Matthews also spoke about translations services, social emotional learning, surveys seeking input from parents (about social emotional learning and counseling services – she received 115 responses), and partnerships with Child and Family Services. Currently, they are working on holiday needs for families, analyzing district data, and connecting the community. Ms. Matthews attended the Lions Club Meeting to foster a partnership. She also met with the Fairhaven Mothers Club and the Fairhaven Rotary Club. Next step is to have a grand opening and getting the word out. Ms. McKenna asked about an anticipated grand opening date. Mrs. Sullivan stated that they hope for some time after the holidays. Mr. Monroe asked for continued updates.

Upcoming Events

The next meeting is: December 8, 2021  
The Committee agreed to move the meeting to December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Unfinished Business

Vote to adopt the Superintendent's Goals as District Goals. Motion to adopt the Superintendent's Goals as District Goals made by Ms. Kuechler, seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved, 6-0, unanimously.

New Business

Vote to Name/Rename Turf at FHS Alumni Stadium. Mr. Monroe spoke regarding the past (about 1 year ago) Naming/Renaming Committee to name the Alumni Stadium and at the time, they voted to name the turf/field after the Class of 2020. Mr. Monroe stated that he doesn't feel that it is appropriate to name the field after just one class because other students in other classes were affected as well. He stated that there were 32 requests by the community for the naming of the field. The Naming/Renaming Committee that was convened consisted of Mr. Monroe, Ms. Kuechler, Mrs. Kohler, Mr. Bob Espindola, Mr. Bob Foster, and Melissa Duarte. The name recommended for the name of the turf was Dr. Robert Baldwin. He has worked for the schools for several years in different capacities and he worked hard to get that turf. Motion to name the turf field after Dr. Baldwin (it will be called the Dr. Robert Baldwin Field at Alumni Stadium) made by Ms. Kuechler, seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved 6-0, unanimously.

Vote to award contract for restroom project at FHS Alumni Stadium. This vote was tabled earlier in the meeting.

Vote for the transfer of funds between line items. Mrs. Kohler presented. She stated that we are formally asking for permission to transfer up to \$400,000 from the 2000 Line to the 7000 Line (Capital Project Line). Motion to transfer \$400,000 from the 2000 Line Budget to the 7000 Line Budget made by Ms. Kuechler, seconded by Mr. Bueno, approved, 6-0, unanimously.

Executive Session

There will be Executive Session without a return to open session.

Motion to adjourn regular session and go into Executive Session to discuss contract for the Assistant Superintendent and Unit A contract updates made by Ms. Kuechler, seconded by Mr. McKenna, approved, 6-0, unanimously (By matter of roll call Mr. Andersen, Mr. Bueno, Ms. Kuechler, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Monroe.)

Adjourned at 7:35p.m.



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