

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 28, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Monroe – with prior notice, Mr. Veitch –with prior notice

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Kohler, Mr. Balestracci, Mrs. Potter, Ms. Bouchard

STAFF ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the community and staff

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Kuechler at 6:31pm.

Ms. Kuechler read the recording policies for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Committee Members: Mr. Andersen, Mr. Bueno, Ms. McKenna, Ms. Kuechler

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2022 was made by Mr. Bueno, seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved unanimously, 4-0.

Report of the Student Advisory Committee

Adin Monroe presented. He spoke about Athletics and fundraising as well as other happenings at the school.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Receive update regarding MCAS data.

Mrs. Kohler presented. She stated that the embargo will be lifted tomorrow and that we will likely be hearing from the Commissioner soon. She has already seen the preliminary data. A public release will go out and families will see results next week. They have been educated on how to read the data as it differs from years past. She stated we are going to hear results comparing 2019 results to 2021 results and what happened during Covid will be measured there. We will also see 2021 results and 2022 results compared, and 2019 results and 2022 results compared. The 2019 and 2022 results data will be called the recovery data. She stated our data is not far off from the state in terms of themes. A discussion among the members regarding the effects of the pandemic and learning was had. The topics ranged from engagement of students, the possible pressure on the District and then students from the Department of Ed to student mental health and accountability.

Receive update regarding Turf Field Project.

Mrs. Kohler presented. She stated the update has to do with the restrooms. She would like to move forward eventually to having the 2 handicap accessible restrooms at the Shack. To do that we will have to move the storage we have. We would like to build a permanent storage facility. She has spoken to the Alumni Association and Mr. Oliveira. The Alumni Association is happy to work with us to ensure the exterior of the building matches the aesthetic of the school itself. They will be helping to fund to find the right mason to do the job. Mr. Balestracci also stated that he will be working with the students at voc-tech and getting the design going.

Receive update on stabilization funds.

Mrs. Kohler presented. She stated the Select Board voted in the affirmative regarding the expenditure of the \$58,000 that we have been talking about. She also stated that we put forth a request an article for the Fall Town Meeting to replenish the Special Education Stabilization Fund.

Receive update regarding Student Activities.

Mrs. Kohler stated that we are struggling to get advisors for things that we always had. She is just making the Committee aware.

Upcoming Events:

Next meeting: October 12, 2022

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

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New Business

Vote to accept grant allocations for 2022 and 2023

Mrs. Potter explained that due to the timing of the receipt of the funds for the grants she would like to have a vote on file that the Committee has seen and accepted all the funds. The Committee reviewed the spreadsheet. Motion to accept grant allocations for 2022 and 2023 made by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved unanimously, 4-0.

Vote to update the minimum wage to \$15.00 for Substitute Custodians, Crossing Guards, and Cafeteria Monitors effective January 1, 2023

This is to ensure our positions are in alliance with the law. Motion to update the minimum wage to \$15.00 for Substitute Custodians, Crossing Guards, and Cafeteria Monitors effective January 1, 2023. made by Mr. Bueno, seconded by Mr. Andersen, approved unanimously, 4-0.

There will be no Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved, 4-0, unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:13p.m.



Tara M. Kohler
Secretary to the School Committee
Fairhaven Public Schools