

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 21, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Kuechler, Mr. Monroe
Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNamara, Mr. Veitch

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Powers (prior notice)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Tavares

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OTHERS PRESENT: Kimberly Leblanc, FEA President, Bob Foster, FHS Alumni, Tara Kohler, FHS Associate Principal, Andrew Kulak, FHS Associate Principal, Mary Jane Muello, FHS Assistant Principal, Nicholas Bettencourt, HMS Principal, Andrew Davey, HMS Assistant Principal, Amy Hartley-Matteson, Wood Principal, Amy Silva, Assistant Principal Wood School, Wendy Weidenfeller, East Principal. Others in audience not listed on the sign in sheet.

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: McNamara, Veitch, McKenna, Monroe, Kuechler

Mrs. Kuechler requested a moment of silence for the recent passing of Natalie Hemingway.

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. McKenna to approve the June 7, 2017 regular session minutes. Voted 4-0-1 Mr. Veitch abstained

Motion made by Mr. McNamara and seconded by Mr. Monroe to approve the June 7, 2017 executive session minutes. Voted 4-0-1 Mr. Veitch abstained

Mrs. Kuechler asked the School Committee to take the FHS Alumni agenda item out of order. Mr. Bob Foster presented the School Committee with a \$25,000 donation from the Portas Family. Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. Veitch to accept a gift of \$25,000 from the FHS Alumni on behalf of the Portas Family. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the District Operations plan in details. Discussion took place

Mr. Andrew Kulak presented to the School Committee the recommended changes to the 2017-2018 FHS Student Handbook. After a small discussion regarding a few recommended changes, the School Committee received and placed on file.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2017.

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Amy Silva presented to the School Committee the proposed changes to the 2017-2018 Elementary Handbook. A long discussion took place. Motion made by Mr. McNamara and seconded by Mr. Veitch to table the handbook to a future meeting. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Mr. Andrew Davey presented to the School Committee the proposed changes to the 2017-2018 Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. A long discussion took place. Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. Veitch to table the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School handbook to a future meeting. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Dr. Bettencourt gave the School Committee an overview of Elizabeth Hastings Middle School over the past year.

Motion made by Mr. Veitch and seconded by Mr. Monroe to appoint Mrs. Kuechler to the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. McNamara and seconded by Mr. Veitch to expend \$16,700 from the FHS Trust Fund to restore the historic windows by Westmill Preservation. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mrs. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Monroe to expend an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the FHS Trust Fund for architectural services for the FHS wood windows project approved by the town. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Veitch and seconded by Mr. Monroe to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting. Roll Call: McNamara-yes, Veitch-yes, McKenna-yes, Monroe-yes, Kuechler-yes. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Adjourned 8:16p.m.

Robert Baldwin, Ed.D
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Fairhaven Public Schools