

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 10, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. McKenna (prior notice)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Tavares

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OTHERS PRESENT: Kimberly Leblanc, FEA President, Lee Ann Shaw, Staff,
Colleen Roderiques, Parent, Jesse Roderiques, Parent, Georgia
Roderiques, Parent, Pamela Drouin, Staff. Others in audience
not listed on 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, Powers, Veitch, Monroe, Kuechler

During the public comment section of the agenda, Mrs. Pamela Kuechler stated “I see that we have a number of members of the public who have signed up for public participation at our meeting this evening. I want to remind everyone that the Committee has a policy governing public participation at its meetings.

Our policy provides that topics for discussion must be limited to those items listed on the School Committee meeting agenda for this evening unless the Chairperson allows another relevant topic. I note that the topics identified in the sign up for public participation this evening are not items listed on the School Committee’s agenda tonight, and are topics that were addressed at our last meeting. For those of you not here last time, at that time I explained that this topic is outside of the jurisdiction of the School Committee. I further said that the school committee does not speak about individual personnel matters in public meetings. Additionally, the School Committee is not able to overturn personnel decisions, such as decisions to non-renew teachers, made by the Administration, because by law it is not within our purview.

We have a full agenda scheduled for this evening with presentations. Because of that, and the fact that I exercised my discretion and allowed for comment at our last meeting on this topic, we will only be entertaining public comment on items listed on the agenda this evening.”

There was no report from the student advisory committee.

Motion made by Mr. McNamara and seconded by Mr. Monroe to approve the May 10, 2017 regular session minutes. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Mr. Young gave the School Committee an update regarding the FPS Music Department. Mr. Young also informed the School Committee that he was selected as Teacher of the Year from over 2000 nominees nationwide.

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The FHS student travel agenda item was taken out of order. Motion made by Mr. McNamara and seconded by Mrs. Powers to provide initial approval for the FHS Music Department to travel to either Philadelphia, PA or Annapolis, MD. Voted 5-0 unanimously

The School Committee received and placed on file the May 1st monthly enrollment.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the delivery of special education services.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding District Initiatives.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding custodial services.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the Fairhaven Acushnet Regionalization Study.

Motion made by Mrs. Kuechler and seconded by Mr. Veitch to recommend Mr. Monroe to the Fairhaven Acushnet Regionalization Study Committee. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. Veitch to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting, go into Executive Session for contractual issues and return into regular session. Roll Call: McNamara-yes, Powers-yes, Veitch-yes, Monroe-yes, Kuechler-yes.

Adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Veitch and seconded by Mrs. Powers reconvene into open session. Voted 5-0 unanimously Roll Call: McNamara-yes, Powers-yes, Veitch-yes, Monroe-yes, Kuechler-yes.

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. Veitch to ratify the Agreement between the AFSCME Council #93, Local 851 Fairhaven Schools Custodial Employees and the Fairhaven School Committee as presented. Voted 5-0 unanimously

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

Adjourned 7:43 p.m.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2017.

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