

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 3, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Gonsalves, Mr. Monroe, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Kuechler,
Mr. Roderick, Mrs. McKenna

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Tavares

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OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Hahn, Parent, Kathleen Clement, Staff, Kimberly
Leblanc, Staff, Renee Bradshaw, FEA President

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:35 p.m.

Mrs. Kuechler opened the regular School Committee meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to suspend the regular School Committee meeting and open the budget hearing. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Mrs. Kuechler announced the open Public Hearing of the FY'14 Budget. Dr. Baldwin informed the School Committee that the proposed FY'14 budget figure represented a 1.8% increase of the level service budget that included restructuring associated with the opening of the new Wood Elementary School. The reason for the lesser than usual increase was based upon a decreased salary figure and an increase transportation figure on the operational side.

Mrs. Kuechler invited the public to ask questions. Diane Hahn addressed her concerns regarding the positions that have been eliminated at the Hastings Middle School over the past few years. Mrs. Hahn asked the School Committee if extra-curricular activities were mandated. She addressed her concerns regarding the funding of extra-curricular activities instead of mandated items. Dr. Baldwin informed her that all extra-curricular activities are funded in the service level budget. Those activities then run based on student enrollment. The School Committee stated that they have complete confidence in the budget that is being presented to them. Mr. Monroe stated that according to our recent audit, all mandates are being met. A dialog took place between the School Committee and Mrs. Hahn.

Motion made by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mrs. Powers to close the public hearing on the FY'14 Budget and re-open the regular School Committee meeting. Voted 6-0 unanimously

The meeting was reconvened by the Chair at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. McKenna, Mr. Monroe, Mrs. Powers, Mr. Gonsalves, Mr. Roderick,
Mrs. Kuechler

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Motion made by Mrs. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Monroe to approve the March 27, 2013 regular session School Committee minutes. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. McKenna to approve the March 27, 2013 School Committee Executive Session minutes. Voted 5-0-1 Mr. Gonsalves abstained

Discussion took place regarding a letter that was sent to the School Committee, regarding the feasibility study of the Rogers Elementary School. Discussion took place regarding finding the best way to give ownership of the CPC study to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Kitchen gave the School Committee a presentation on the proposed options for the repairing or the rebuilding of the Fairhaven High School fire escapes.

Dr. Baldwin informed the School Committee of upcoming events.

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Roderick to approve Reliable Bus Lines of 978 Nash Road, New Bedford, Massachusetts as the lowest qualified bidder for the Regular Day Student Transportation for the Fairhaven Public Schools for fiscal 2014-2016. Voted 5-0-1 Mr. Gonsalves abstained

Motion made by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mr. Monroe to adopt the proposed Draft D calendar as the 2013-2014 Fairhaven Public School calendar. Voted 6-0 unanimously

If the Fairhaven School Department were a successful applicant in the Round 19 Massachusetts Historical application, the School Committee shall commit the matching funds of \$60,000 dollars for the Fairhaven High School restoration project from the Roger's High School Trust and district revolving accounts. Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mrs. McKenna to approve this request. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. Powers to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting, go into Executive Session to discuss contractual issues and not return into Regular Session. Roll call: McKenna-yes, Monroe-yes, Powers-yes, Roderick-yes, Gonsalves-yes, Kuechler-yes Voted 6-0 unanimously

Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

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