

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair, Mr. Cervasio, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were: Mr. Steere, Mr. Cervasio, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Ejnes, Ms. Joyce, Ms. Keeling, Ms. Pezza, Ms. Reichert and Ms. Swanson. Also present were: Dr. Barnes and Ms. Sinwell.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion and/or vote on the following:

4. Teacher and /or Student Recognition

David Moscarelli was recognized for being named Foster-Glocester Teacher of the Year. Dr. Barnes read a number of quotes from the nomination materials for Mr. Moscarelli. He also spoke about some of the things they did together when they were both teaching and personally supported the.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Ejnes, supported by Ms. Keeling, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2013 Foster-Glocester Regional School Committee meeting, Open and Closed Sessions, be approved as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-3 with Ms. Carroll, Ms. Reichert and Ms. Swanson abstaining

6. Approval of Bills

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ejnes, to approve the bills as listed on the Monthly Expenditure Reports dated August, 29 2013 in the amount of \$604,296.84 as presented.

Motion passed 9-0-0

7. Superintendent Report - Personnel: Resignations, Appointments, Retirements, Leaves, Recalls, New Positions

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented.

Motion passed 8-1-0 with Mr. Cervasio voting no.

8. Business Manager Report

Mr. Steere asked a question that Ms. Mangiarelli provide a report on the region transportation pass through funds. (N.B. Ms. Mangiarelli emailed a report to committee members the next

day.)

9. Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Report
Ms. Sinwell reported on the progress of the tri-district curriculum meetings. Mr. Cervasio requested Ms. Sinwell reach out to the new principal and new superintendent in Foster.

10. Wellness Committee and Policy
This item was tabled.

11. RFP for Floors in Weight Room
Motion by Ms. Carroll, supported by Ms. Ejnes, to issue an RFP for floors in the weight room.

Motion passed 9-0-0

Mr. Steere asked if this room will be open to the public and encouraged Dr. Barnes to look into it. Dr. Barnes stated that there may be staffing and liability concerns but that he would look into it. Ms. Carroll said she has dealt with this in other districts and suggested that The Trust be contacted.

12. RFP for Annual Audit
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Carroll, to issue an RFP for the annual audit.

Motion passed 9-0-0

13. RFP for Food Service Contract
Motion by Ms. Ejnes, supported by Ms. Keeling, to issue an RFP for the Food Service Contract.

Motion passed 9-0-0

14. School Committee and Facilities Policy - 1st Reading
Motion by Ms. Ejnes, supported by Mr. Steere, to approve the School Committee and Facilities Policy as a 1st Reading.

Motion passed 9-0-0

15. PHS School Improvement Team Decision Regarding the Calculation of Grade Point Average
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Ejnes, to support and affirm the decision of the PHS School Improvement Team regarding the calculations of grade point averages.

Motion passed 9-0-0

After significant research and analysis, the School Improvement Team agreed to change the district's current system to weight Honors courses @ +0.5 and Advanced Placement Courses and EEP courses @ +1.0. Members of the team voted unanimously to provide a weighted and an unweighted GPA, as

well as a weighted class rank, on transcripts. The Class of 2014 will not be affected by the changes to the weighting of GPAs.

16. Revision to Per Diem Substitute Employees Reasonable Assurance Policy

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Ejnes, to approve the revision to the Per Diem Substitute Employees Reasonable Assurance Policy as a 2nd Reading.

Motion passed 7-2-0 with Ms. Carroll and Mr. Cervasio voting no.

17. Revisions to Substance Abuse Policy - 2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Ejnes, to approve the revision to the Revisions to Substance Abuse Policy as a 2nd Reading. Motion passed 9-0-0

18. Reaffirm Affirmative Action Policy

Motion by Ms. Ejnes, supported by Ms. Swanson, to reaffirm the district's Affirmative Action Policy. Motion passed 9-0-0

19. Appointment to the Capital Projects Committee

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Ejnes, to appoint Gordon Rogers from Foster to the Capital Projects Committee.

Motion passed 9-0-0

20. Appointments to the Budget Subcommittee

Motion by Ms. Ejnes, supported by Ms. Carroll, to appoint Ron Cervasio, Rebekah Reichert and Cindy Joyce to the Budget Subcommittee. Motion passed 9-0-0

21. Recognizing Teachers/Administrators for Increased Student Performance

Motion by Ms. Carroll, supported by Mr. Steere, to ask the Superintendent to look into an after school luncheon, possibly on a Monday, and come back with a recommendation at the next meeting.

Motion passed 9-0-0

Dr. Barnes stated that he would like to recognize improved test scores by recognizing dedicated and talented teachers and administrators and conscientious support staff. He asked the school committee to consider an appropriate way to recognize all the district employees for the contribution they have made

towards the improvement of test scores. After discussion, the committee asked Dr. Barnes to come back with a recommendation.

22. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (3) Discussion regarding security (2) Collective Bargaining - NEAPON and ESP

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Ejnes, that the Committee recess into Executive Session at 7:58 to consider RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (3) Discussion regarding security (2) Collective Bargaining - NEAPON and Educational Support Staff said actions being taken in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Motion passed 9-0-0

Motion by Ms. Carroll, supported by Ms. Pezza, to seal the minutes of executive session.

Motion passed 9-0-0

Mr. Cervasio reported that, in executive session, the committee discussed security, and collective bargaining and no votes were taken.

23. Communications

24. Future Agenda Items

25. Public Comment

25. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Ejnes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24.

Motion passed 9-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk