

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES September 14, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. McKenna, Mr. Monroe,
Mrs. Kuechler, Mr. McNamara,
Mrs. Powers (late prior notice)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Veitch (prior notice)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Tavares

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OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Leblanc, FEA President, Brandy Souza, Parent, Camile Yergeau, Parent

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, McKenna, Monroe, Kuechler, Powers (late prior notice)

Motion made by Mr. McNamara and seconded by Mrs. McKenna to table the approval of minutes until Mrs. Powers could get there, after her attendance at Open House. Voted 4-0 unanimously

Ms. Camile Yergeau and Ms. Brandy Souza both addressed the School Committee regarding their concern about the communication at HMS regarding their children not being eligible for bussing.

Alyssa Botelho, Student Representative informed the School Committee of recent and upcoming events taking place at FHS.

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

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the District & School Leadership plan.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding current facility projects.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an overview of the next generation MCAS 2.0

Dr. Baldwin began his presentation reiterating that the major purpose of our district's transportation services is to aid students in getting to and from school in an efficient, safe, and economical manner.

The guidelines that were utilized in the spring of 2016 before the development of the bus routes were to transport all children in grades kindergarten through twelve who reside more than one and one-half miles from the school they are entitled to attend and the nearest school bus stop is no more than one mile from their residence to be eligible riders.

Dr. Baldwin reiterated once again to the committee that this is a more lenient standard than is set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Dr. Baldwin further explained to the committee that once the eligible riders were determined and the bus routes were developed, that a Google Doc specifically for concerns and/or changes was instituted at the building level. A total of sixty (60) concerns were logged into the Google doc. Eleven (11) of those concerns were regarding riders who were not eligible based upon the guidelines set forth at the beginning of this plan. Eight (8) of the concerns are regarding the timing of the stops and/or with the bus company. Forty-one (41) concerns were logged regarding bus stops and/or bus routes. Thirty-eight (38) of those concerns were resolved. He further explained that during the third week of September a meeting was scheduled between the bus company and district administration utilizing the Google Doc to discuss the shared concerns and changes. Three (3) of the concerns are awaiting the resolution of decisions made at the meeting with the bus company or through administration.

The committee concluded by acknowledging the parents' concerns regarding the communication of the Hastings Middle School parents and communicated to the Superintendent to fully adhere to the mile and one-half guidelines.

The next School Committee is scheduled for September 28, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. McNamara to appoint Mrs. Kuechler to the Acushnet Collaboration Sub-Committee. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mrs. Kuechler and seconded by Mrs. Powers to appoint Mr. Monroe to the Acushnet Collaboration Sub-Committee. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. McNamara and seconded by Mr. Monroe to appoint Mrs. Powers to the Acushnet Collaboration Sub-Committee. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. McNamara to take off the table the approval of minutes. Voted 5-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mrs. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Monroe to approve the August 24, 2016 regular session School Committee minutes. Voted 4-0-1 Mr. McNamara abstained

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. McKenna to approve the August 24, 2016 executive session School Committee minutes. Voted 4-0-1 Mr. McNamara abstained

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

Adjourned 7:45p.m.

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