

# FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**January 25, 2012**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Furtado, Parent, John Pond, Parent, Diane Hahn, Parent, Colin Veitch, Parent, Wendy Williams, Rogers Principal, Denise Barr, Parent, Peggy Alisio, Advocate, Renee Bradshaw, FEA President

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: Gonsalves, Powers, Monroe, Roderick, Kruger, Kuechler

Motion made by Mr. Roderick, and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the January 11, 2012 School Committee minutes. Voted 5-0-1 Mr. Monroe abstained

During the public comment section of the School Committee agenda Mr. John Pond addressed the School Committee regarding his concerns with adding more technology in the schools.

There was no report from the Student Advisory Committee.

Mr. Rob Shield gave the School Committee an overview of the Shepherd's Pantry and its history in our local community. Mr. Shields asked the School Committee for their consideration in granting the Shepherd's Pantry permission to utilize space in the Oxford School. Motion made by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Roderick to allow administration to move forward with working with the Shepherd's Pantry. Voted 6-0

Mr. Rob Hancock, Vice President of Education and Public Engagement from the Buzzards Bay Coalition addressed the School Committee regarding their hopes to create outdoor learning spaces in the back of the Wood Elementary School and the East Fairhaven Elementary School. Discussion took place amongst the members who shared their areas of concerns and their areas of support.

Mrs. Kuechler asked the members if they had any information to share with the committee regarding the Town's Wind Turbine project. Mr. Monroe stated that some of the research he has done regarding the project. He specifically contacted the Superintendent in a Western Community, MA that have a wind turbine on their campus. Mr. Kruger shared his thoughts regarding the project and stated that in regards to safety issues he doesn't have any at this time. Mr. Kenney spoke to the School Committee regarding his research into wind turbines, which were also positive. Mr. Gonsalves and Mrs. Powers shared their thoughts on the town's wind turbine project and also don't have any concerns.

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Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee the FY'13 draft level service budget in the amount of \$18,015, 357. Dr. Baldwin informed the committee that it was asked to reduce the amount by 2% which is \$17, 655, 050. The difference is \$360, 307. Discussion took place.

Dr. Baldwin informed the School Committee of upcoming events.

Mrs. Williams gave the School Committee an overview of the Roger's School student travel to the Boston Museum of Science. Motion made by Mr. Monroe and Mr. Kruger to approve the student travel. Voted 6-0

The School Committee received and placed on file the draft version of the Acushnet Tuition Student Agreement.

Motion made by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the below proposed FY'13 Town Meeting Articles. 6-0

Special Needs Early Childhood Program Revolving Account  
Fairhaven High School Masonry Repair  
Non-Mandated Student Activities Revolving Account  
Purchase of a Dump Truck and Plow

Motion made by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mrs. Powers to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting, go into Executive Session for negotiation purposes and not return into regular session. Roll call: Roll call: Gonsalves-yes, Monroe-yes, Powers-yes, Kruger-yes, Kuechler-yes.  
Voted 6-0 unanimously

Adjourned 8:14p.m.

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