

# FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**April 11, 2012**

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, Michelle Furtado, Parent, Kimberly Leblanc, Staff, Marietta Deegan, Staff, Susan Loo, Staff, Maureen Barrow, Staff, Renee Bradshaw, FEA President, Wayne Miller, Staff, Gerry Lucas, Staff, Joyce Mello, Staff, Debbie Schmitt, Staff, Joyce Rowley, Neighborhood News, Peggy Auerlsio, Advocate, Sara Lamarre, Staff, Karen Dorgan, Staff, David Welty, Staff, Tara Kohler, Staff

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:40 p.m.

Mrs. Kuechler opened the regular School Committee meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Monroe 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'13 Budget. Dr. Baldwin presented to the School Committee the proposed 2013 Preliminary Draft Budget of \$18,015,357.00. Dr. Baldwin stated that \$14,350,058 is the salary portion of the budget and that \$3,665,299 is the operational portion. Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee a breakdown of each section by state codes. The proposed FY'13 budget figure represented a 2% reduction of the level service funded budget. Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee a breakdown of areas in which he recommends those reductions comes from. Dr. Baldwin also informed the School Committee of the approximate timeline in which individuals would be notified. Discussion took place.

Mrs. Kuechler invited the public to ask questions. Diane Hahn asked the School Committee if extra-curricular activities were mandated. Mrs. Hahn then addressed the School Committee regarding her concerns of funding extra-curricular activities instead of mandated items.

Renee Bradshaw, FEA President informed the School Committee that the FEA would like to be a part of making these hard decisions. Mrs. Kuechler thanked Mrs. Bradshaw for her support.

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Motion made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mrs. Powers to close the public hearing on the FY'13 Budget and re-open the regular School Committee meeting. Voted 6-0 unanimously

The meeting was reconvened by the Chair at 7:50 p.m.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Roderick to approve the March 27, 2012 regular session School Committee minutes. Voted 5-0-1 Mrs. McKenna abstained

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the March 27, 2012 School Committee Executive Session minutes. Voted 5-0-1 Mrs. McKenna abstained

In the public comment section of the agenda, Diane Hahn thanked everyone who participated in "Light It Up Blue". Michelle Furtado asked the School Committee about the length of the Superintendent's contract and to reconsider in the future not allowing the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to go on a dinner cruise as a field trip.

Mrs. Tara Kohler informed the School Committee that she is in the process of appointing a student advisory representative.

The School Committee received and placed on file the April 1<sup>st</sup> monthly enrollment numbers.

Dr. Welty gave the School Committee an overview of the Team Fairhaven Destination Imagination student travel request. Dr. Welty asked the School Committee for pre-approval to move forward with fundraising. Motion made by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mrs. Powers to give pre-approval for fundraising. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. Roderick to approve the East Fairhaven student travel to Plymouth, MA. Voted 5-0-1 Mrs. Powers abstained

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the East Fairhaven student travel request to Boston, Ma. Voted 6-0 unanimously

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Mrs. Powers asked the School Committee members to consider changing the nights of the meetings from Wednesday nights to Tuesday nights. Mrs. Kuechler asked that an agenda item be placed on the next agenda to discuss changes in the School Committee meetings schedule.

Mrs. Kuechler took a moment to welcome Mrs. McKenna to the School Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mrs. Powers to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting. Roll call: McKenna-yes, Monroe-yes, Powers-yes, Gonsalves-yes, Roderick-yes, Kuechler-yes Voted 6-0 unanimously

Adjourned 8:46p.m

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