

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 14, 2011

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Richard, staff, Lisa Plante, parent, Diane Hahn, parent/civil rights task force, Karen Dorgan, staff/task force, Scott Francis, staff, Joyce Rowley, Neighborhood News, Renee Bradshaw, FEA President, Wendy Williams, Rogers Principal, Jose Rosa, Mary Jane Muello, FHS Vice President/Task Force, Kurt Tramosch, observer, Donna McKenna, School Council

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, Monroe, Powers, Roderick, Kruger, Kuechler

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. Powers to approve the November 9, 2011 regular session minutes. Voted 5-0-1 Mr. Kruger abstained

Lisa Plante, Louis Berto, Gail O'Reilly, Chris Anderson each addressed the School Committee with their concerns regarding the town turbine project. Mrs. Kuechler informed the individuals that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health would be having an upcoming meeting. Mrs. Kuechler encouraged them to attend the meetings as this is a town project.

There was no report from the Student Advisory Representative.

The School Committee received and placed on file the December 1, 2011 monthly enrollment numbers.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an executive summary for the month of November in regards to the Race to the Top grant.

The School Committee received and placed on file the class size analysis.

Mrs. Wendy Williams gave the School Committee an update regarding the parent/teacher conferences that took place in November 2011. The School Committee received and placed on file the parent feedback survey results.

Mrs. Wendy Williams gave the School Committee an update regarding the Civil Rights task force.

Dr. Baldwin informed the School Committee of upcoming events.

Motion made by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mr. Roderick to give pre-approval to the FHS Cheerleaders to begin fundraising for a possible student travel to Orlando, Florida. Voted 6-0

Motion made by Mr. Gonsalves and Mr. Monroe to approve the FHS athletics student travel to Boston, MA. Voted 6-0

Motion made by Mr. Roderick and Mr. Kruger to approve the minimum radius to the property line allowing an encroachment in front of the property occupied by the Elizabeth Hastings Junior High School. Voted 6-0 Gonsalves-yes, Monroe-yes, Powers-yes, Roderick-yes, Kruger-yes, Kuechler-yes

Mr. Kitchen gave the School Committee an overview of the FHS feasibility study application. As a result, a motion was made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Kruger stating: Having convened in an open meeting on December 14, 2011, the School Committee of Fairhaven, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 6, 2012 for the Fairhaven High School located at 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

1. Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists, as determined in the judgment of the Authority;

5. Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility, as determined in the judgment of the Authority;

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority or commits the Town to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Voted 6-0 Gonsalves-yes, Monroe-yes, Powers-yes, Kruger-yes, Roderick-yes, Kuechler-yes

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

Adjourned 8:05 p.m



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