

Falmouth School Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Danielle Tracy at 7:05 p.m. in the Falmouth Elementary School Cafeteria. Present were Nicole Bezanson, Whitney Bruce, Caryn Bickerstaff, Julie Fraser, Jen Libby, Danielle Tracy, Student Representative Neeya Rostampour, Superintendent Geoff Bruno, and 8 community members (J. Lucas and H. Stark excused).
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Item 11d will be adjusted from “revision to policy” to “new policy.”
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. April 1, 2019 - Workshop Meeting
 - B. April 1, 2019 - Special Meeting
 - C. March 18, 2019 - Regular Meeting
5. **COMMUNICATION:**
 - A. **Student Representatives Report** – Neeya Rostampour indicated that spring sports have started and seniors are continuing to hear back from colleges. Prom will take place in May and Mamma Mia will be this spring’s musical. Students are gearing up for AP tests which will also take place in May, the week of the 6th.
6. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Superintendent Bruno announced this year’s Community Dialogue and encouraged parents and staff to attend. The topics of discussion are 1) Social-Emotional Wellness & Readiness to Learn, Connection to Community, 2) Aligned, Rigorous and Engaging Curriculum, and 3) Consistent & Cohesive Grading & Reporting - Best-Practices.
7. **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORTS:**
 - A. Falmouth Elementary School - Gloria Noyes stated it was a joyous first day back from break and everyone seemed to be well rested. The enrollment in kindergarten stands at 113 as of today. Mrs. Noyes thanked both art teachers who put so much extra time into making the 4th grade Arts Night so spectacular. She indicated that all of the elementary school’s UA teachers are amazing, and we are fortunate to have the caliber of teachers we do.
 - B. Falmouth Middle School - Janet Adams indicated the 7th grade students recently took part in their annual Medieval Festival. They learned a lot and had a lot of fun as well. She stated 5th and 6th grade teachers recently met to discuss curriculum and transition routines for student moving between the two schools. All 6th graders are starting a 4-week

integrated unit between ELA and Social Students (Solutionary Unit) which is a great opportunity for authentic learning.

- C. Falmouth High School - Peter Badalament stated a lot is coming up in the next month or so including AP tests, Prom, and SAil on May 20 and 21. He congratulated the FIRST Robotics Team #172 who are going to the “Worlds” competition in Detroit. Mr. Badalament also indicated the Advisory Working Group and the faculty continue to work on revising the high school advisory program; a survey was sent out in February that has been helpful in this review.
- D. Director of Special Education - Gene Kucinkas was excused.
- E. Director of Learning - Gretchen McNulty stated that staff members who are recent new hires came up with the idea to have an expanded new staff induction program. This idea was met with much enthusiasm and will be in place this fall for new staff. She also indicated that a more formal approach to curriculum review is being developed.
- F. Athletic Director - James Coffey was not present.
- G. Technology Director - Nate Barnes stated his report stands as submitted but did mention his department was able to complete a lot of work last week during break, especially on the high school schedule.
- H. Director of Finance and Operations - Dan O’Shea commented that the summer project list and scheduling has started. Projects include 7th and 8th grade locker conversions, the automation of the middle school bleacher system, and high school theater lighting and sound upgrades. He announced benefit open enrollment for staff will be taking place in May.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

A. Current Openings:

- Varsity Golf Coach

B. Spring 2019 Coach Hires:

- Larry Nichols - JV Girls Tennis Coach
- Tom Read - JV Girls Lacrosse Coach
- Connor Harris - Assistant Track Coach
- Tammy Nonni - MS Assistant Track Coach
- Jason Birks - 8th Grade Softball Coach
- Colleen Fleming - 7th Grade Girls Lacrosse Coach
- Rob Susi - 7th Grade Baseball Coach

9. COMMITTEE AND PROJECT STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: Ms. Libby indicated the presentation to the Town and public went well, and she would like to have a meeting to review the budget process.
- B. Facilities Committee: Mrs. Fraser indicated she had no new information to report.
- C. Policy Committee: Mrs. Bickerstaff stated the committee continues to work on the policy reviews.
- D. Wellness Representative: Mrs. Lucas was excused.
- E. PATHS Representative: Mrs. Bruce indicated she had no new information to report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mrs. Fraser with a second from Ms. Libby moved the Board approve the revisions to policy IHBAC - Child Find Policy. The motion passed 6-0.
- B. Mrs. Bruce with a second from Ms. Libby moved the Board approve the revisions to policy BEDD - Conduct of Board Meetings - Procedural Rules. The motion passed 6-0.
- C. Mrs. Bezanson with a second from Mrs. Fraser moved the Board approve the revisions to policy JLCD - Administration of Medication to Students. The motion passed 6-0.
- D. Mrs. Bruce with a second from Mrs. Benzanson moved the Board approve the adoption of new policy JLCD-R - Requirements for Administration of Medical Marijuana to a Student in School. The motion passed 6-0.
- E. First read of revisions to policy BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings.
- F. Ms. Libby with a second from Mrs. Fraser moved the Board approve year 1, 2, and 3 probationary teachers as recommended by the Superintendent:

Yr 1 of 3	
David Barton	FES Grade 5
Jeffrey Sprague	FES PE Teacher
Kirsten Hackett	FES Art Teacher
Allison DeCarlo	FES Grade 3
Brianna Deroche	FES Counselor
Katelin Bonney	FES Kindergarten
Sara Hess	FES RTI Teacher
William Corcoran	FES Comp/Tech
Garrett Sanborn	FMS Grade 7 Soc. Studies
Kendra Brown	FMS Health
Tim Tyler	FMS Comp/Tech
Natalie Nelson	FHS Latin

Beatriz Christman	FHS Spanish
John Lane	FHS Science
Ashley Foye	FES Spec. Ed.
Georgia Hill	FMS Spec. Ed.
Erica Jesseman	FHS Spec. Ed.
Yr 2 of 3	
Tanya Howard	FES Grade 3
Kate Chapman	FES Grade 5
Anna Soule	FES Grade 4
Lindsay Wissink	FES Nurse
Amy McInerney	FES Librarian
Andrew Davison	FMS Tech Ed Teacher
Matt Hamilton	FMS Guidance Counselor
Allison Adams	FHS ELA Teacher
Tom Read	FHS Soc. Studies Teacher
Michelle Brown	FHS Soc. Worker - SPED
Yr 3 of 3	
Tina Whalen	FES, Grade 5
Lauren Lariviere	FES, Grade 3
Colleen Hallee	FES, RTI Teacher
Eli Wilson	FMS, Grade 8 Science
Amber Burks	FMS, World Language
Erin Finn	FHS, Math Teacher
Ashley Pullen	FHS, Guidance Counselor
Jacob Sturtevant	FHS, Band Director
Amy Favreau	FMS/FHS ELL Teacher
Shar Mahoney	Spec. Ed. Consulting Teacher
Heidi Richards	FES Social Worker
Andrea Romer	FES Spec. Ed. Teacher
Michael Martin	FHS Spec. Ed. Teacher

The motion passed 6-0.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were none.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Bickerstaff with a second from Ms. Libby moved the Board adjourn. The motion passed 6-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m.