

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, February 10, 2020

5:30 PM

(or Immediately following the Instructional Subcommittee)

Kuss Middle School Auditorium

52 Globe Mills Avenue

Fall River, MA 02724

## AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Citizens Input
4. Recognition Awards
5. Superintendent's Report
6. Student Comment/Student Delegate Report
7. Approval of Minutes
8. Approval of Travel Requests
9. Acceptance of Donations
10. Approval of Contracts
11. Approval of Grants
12. Committee of the Whole
13. For Your Information
14. New Business: Topics for discussion that could not reasonably be anticipated by the Chairman forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting
15. Request for Executive –
  - M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7): To review and approve Executive Session Committee Minutes for the January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Fall River School Committee.
  - M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7): To review and approve Executive Session Committee Minutes for the January 27, 2020 Special Meeting of the Fall River School Committee.
  - M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1): To review the Open Meeting law Complaint dated January 17, 2020, filed by Patrick Higgins regarding the January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Fall River School Committee. The Complaint alleges (1) that the School Committee was required to list the candidates for appointment to subcommittees of the Fall River School Committee; (2) that the Chair Paul E. Coogan and the Vice Chair Mark Costa had "private side conversations" in violation of the open meeting law.

CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

2020 FEB - 6 P 2:04

RECEIVED

- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding the lawsuit filed in Bristol County Superior Court: Colleen Murray-Hackett v. Meg Mayo Brown, Fall River Schools and the Fall River School Committee, Docket No. 1673CV00486.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL cafeteria employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL maintenance employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL custodial employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL safety/security employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL Administrators and Employees represented by the Fall River Administrator's Association.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL professional teaching employees of the Fall River School System including coaches, Title I, teachers, nurses, occupational and physical therapists, and specialists in the teaching profession represented by the Fall River Educator's Association.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and/or to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel including Isaac Moniz, Instructional Support Liaison and Dr. Julia Carlson, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer.

16. Addendum

**CITIZENS INPUT**

This agenda item allows time for public comment that is not limited to items on the Agenda. The Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. Although this is not a time for discussion, the School Committee appreciates public input and may refer such comments to administration for appropriate follow-up.

**RECOGNITION AWARDS**

There are no Recognition Awards this month.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Superintendent to share letters of recognition, commendation, or other news associated with Fall River Public Schools.

- Durfee Construction Update
- Student Opportunity Act

### **STUDENT COMMENT/STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT**

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Student Delegate(s) *(when present)* to make appropriate comments regarding school events, school issues important to students, or student government-related activities in their schools. The Student Delegate(s) may recommend items for future consideration.

- Upcoming meeting on Confronting Discrimination
- Period Parity Project –Durfee Freedom Writers hosted

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

01/13/2020

Regular Meeting of the Fall River School Committee

01/27/2020

Special Meeting of the Fall River School Committee

### **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Tansey School Principal, Christopher Audette, requests permission for travel:

Destination	Summit Spring Convening in Phoenix, AZ
Objective of the Trip	Summit Spring Convening/we will build our capacity in implementing the Summit Learning Model
Name of Participants	Chris Audette, Lisa Furtado, Andrea Barboza, Erin Kazen and Victoria Streeto
Date(s)	March 30, 2020 March 31, 2020
Departure/Return Time	Departure 12:00pm on March 29, 2020 Return Midnight on March 31, 2020
Means of Transportation	Air
Cost	\$3000
Funding Source(s)	Summit Learning Grant

Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests permission for travel:

Destination	Salt Lake City, Utah
Objective of the Trip	AP Literature and Composition AP Reading
Name of Participants	Kerryann Tracy
Date(s)	June 2, 2020      AP Reading June 3-June 9, 2020 June 10, 2020
Departure/Return Time	Depart: June 2, 2020      Back to work on 6/11/20 Return: June 10, 2020
Means of Transportation	Car to airport, flights to Salt Lake City, Utah, buses to AP Reading
Cost	Flight-\$867.50 Hotel-\$229.00x8=\$1,832.00 Meals-\$450 Baggage-\$100 Mileage-\$42.87
Funding Source(s)	College Board-all expense paid

Director of Early Childhood, Cathy Carvalho, requests permission for travel:

Destination	Philadelphia, PA
Workshop Name/Objective	Family Childcare Program Training (New Grant for Fall River) Literacy Program in city home daycares
Name of Participants	Jessica Rodriguez, Cathy Carvalho, Kelly Pereira and

	Darlene Hyson
Date(s)	February 16, 2020 February 19, 2020
Departure/Return Time	Departure AM -2/16/20 Return PM- 2/19/20
Means of Transportation	Rental Car
Cost	Hotel-\$1,015 Car-\$173 Total-\$1,188
Funding Source(s)	PC and Grant

Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests permission for travel:

Destination	Mount Sunapee, Newbury, NH
Objective of the Trip	Students will get exercise in the beautiful outdoors as they challenge themselves to learn and hone skiing and snowboarding skills
Class/Club/Grade	Durfee Ski and Snowboard Club
# of Adults	4+
# of Students	40
Teacher in Charge	Oliver McNeely
Date(s)	March 15, 2020
Departure/Return Time	Departure 5:30am Return 6:30pm
Means of Transportation	Coach Bus
Cost	Depends on rentals/packages they choose (\$80-\$20)
Funding Source(s)	Students and some fundraising to offset bus costs

Office of Instruction, Assistant Superintendent of SEL, Dr. Ann Dargon, requests permission for travel:

Destination	Las Vegas, Nevada
Objective of the Trip	National Association for Bilingual Education
Name of Participants	Fernanda Vera-Cruz, MLL Director Tyler Ramey, English Acquisition Coach
Date(s)	February 24, 2020-February 28, 2020
Departure/Return Time	Departure 5:00pm February 24, 2020 Return 3:12pm February 29, 2020
Means of Transportation	Air
Cost	Up to \$3,500
Funding Source(s)	Grant- Title III

Morton Middle School Principal, Sheryl Patterson, requests permission for travel:

Destination	New England Open Cheer Competition East Haven High School, CT
Objective of the Trip	To showcase Morton Spirit and compete against other New England Cheer Squads
Class/Club/Grade	Morton Cheerleaders Grades 6-8
# of Adults	3 coaches
# of Students	26 Students
Teacher in Charge	Ashley Dupure
Date(s)	Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Departure/Return Time	Departure 6:30am Return 7:00pm

Means of Transportation	Bus
Cost	No cost
Funding Source(s)	School Fundraising

Henry Lord Community School Principal, Dr. Aimee Bronhard, requests permission for travel:

Destination	Providence College 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Project Providence Forming the future with the Friars
Objective of the Trip	Students will learn about exercising, eating healthy and ways to take care of their bodies. Importance of working hard in school. Meet many PC student athletes and experience a college campus.
Class/Club/Grade	
# of Adults	3
# of Students	50
Teacher in Charge	Melissa Scungio
Date(s)	February 14, 2020
Departure/Return Time	Departure 8:30am Return 2:00pm
Means of Transportation	Bus
Cost	Free
Funding Source(s)	Student activities

### DONATIONS

- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Jacqueline Francisco, requests acceptance of a \$5,500 donation from the Michael Troy Foundation. This donation will be used to purchase instruments for the guitar and percussion programs at the high school.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais requests acceptance of aquarium fish/ materials totaling \$1,569.96 a donation from Jason Pasis. This donation will be used for Mrs. Manfredi's classroom reef tank.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Henry Lord Community School Principal, Dr. Aimee Bronhard, requests acceptance of a \$1,500 from Toyota of Dartmouth. This donation will be used to support student incentives for our Positive Behavior Intervention System.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Fall River Public Schools, requests acceptance of a \$1,000 donation from BayCoast Bank. This donation will be used to purchase supplies for the Half-time Professional Day.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Morton Middle School Principal, Sheryl Patterson, requests acceptance of \$700 donation from Target. This donation will be used to support a field trip to bring Morton students to the Boston Children's Hospital where they will be presenting a STEM therapeutic toy to doctors and patients. Any additional funds will be used to support consumable purchases.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Stone K-12 School Principal, Mary-ellen Shaw, requests acceptance of a \$700 donation from Target. This donation will be used to cover the cost of a field trip for students.

- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Jacqueline Francisco, requests acceptance of a 692.06 from Donor's Choose. This donation will be used to purchase Summer Band Uniform Short for the Durfee Marching Band Students. They will use these during summer band camp and early year casual performances.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Watson Elementary School Principal, Celeste Hoeg, requests acceptance of 2 HP Chromebooks valued at \$578.15 a donation from Donor's Choose. This donation will be for students to use the Chromebooks for ST Math, research, word processing, projects, etc.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of Durfee Athletics Director, Brad Bustin, requests acceptance of a \$540 donation from Durfee Boosters. The amount of \$300 will be used towards the fall banquets and \$240 towards the fall awards.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests acceptance of a \$500 donation from Alliance Energy LLC. This donation will be used at the discretion of the school.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests acceptance of a \$14.39 donation from Ohiopyle Prints, INC. This donation will be used at the principal's discretion.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Henry Lord Community School Principal, Dr. Amiee Bronhard, requests acceptance of 1 table with 6 chairs, a full size leather sofa and Love seat from Cardi's Furniture Store. The donation of new furniture was for the teacher's lounge area-which is also shared space with students before and after school.
- Superintendent Malone, on behalf of the Fonseca Elementary School Principal, Alicia Lisi, requests acceptance of upper/lower case stamp set, color stamp pads x 6, counting cones, and assorted crayon boxes of 2 donated by Donor's Choose. This donation will be used for students to practice alphabet recognition, name printing, and for counting and quantifying amount of items.

### CONTRACTS

#### **CONTRACTS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVAL, February 10, 2020**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE &amp; AMOUNT</b>
<b>FACILITIES &amp; OPERATIONS</b>		
JJ's Floor Covering Outlet	Remove and replace carpeting in the Kuss Middle School Auditorium	Use of Schools-\$26,088.95
MHQ	(3) 2020 Ford Eco sport S 4Wheel Drive	Facilities & Operations Budget-\$63,885.00
Complete Energy Services	Energy efficient lighting at Silvia	Operating Budget-Facilities-\$48,067.88
Complete Energy Services	Energy efficient lighting at Henry Lord	Operating Budget-Facilities-\$49,511.99
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACTS</b>		
CDWG	Firewall Hosting Server that will be virtualized for other applications.	Operating Budget-Technology-\$13,217.00
Cengage Learning	Reach Curriculum for Henry Lord-Grades 1 and 5	Operating Budget-Textbooks-\$20,081.00
Center for Educational Leadership and Technology	Internet Access from November through February	Operating Budget-Contracted Services-\$14,447.60
CORE Business Technologies	All-Inclusive Blanket Contract for the Fleet of Savin MPF Devices. All Parts, Labor, Drums, Toner and Developers included.	Operating Budget-Copier Services-\$173,750.90
CORE Business Technologies	Printer Maintenance Agreement. Scope of Coverage includes All Parts, Labor and Toners.	Operating Budget-Copier Services-\$14,950.42
Facility Management Corporation	Ice-time Cost for Durfee Hockey Team	Operating Budget-Athletics-\$16,000.00
Dell	Purchase of staff and administrative laptops	Operating Budget-Technology-\$22,947.31

Konica Minolta	2 Konica Minolta High Volume Copiers	Operating Budget-Copier Services-\$33,989.36
HB Communications	Recorder and dedicated video switcher for the School Committee Room, Administration Building 417 Rock Street	School ETP Programming Revolving Account-\$15,539.00
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS CONTRACTS</b>		
Cape Cod Collaborative	Tuition for special needs students	Operating Budget-SPED-\$54,227.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACTS CONTINGENT ON SCHOOL BUDGET APPROVAL</b>		
Trebron Company Inc.	Lightspeed Systems Internet Filtering Protection added to our Existing firewall along with classroom tools for teachers to use with their students-Total Contract is \$90,000.00. Cost is \$30,000.00 per year. First payment due FY 2021.	Operating Budget-Contracted Services FY2021-\$30,000.00

### GRANTS

#### **GRANTS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVAL, February 10, 2020**

Grant Name	Funding	Duration	Amount	Grant Director
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Enhanced Programs for Students on an IEP	Federal	01/21/2020-08/31/2020	\$ 10,000.00	Siobhan Ryan
Financial Literacy Planning and Implementation	State	12/23/2019-06/30/2020	\$ 15,000.00	Matthew Desmarais
Increased Access to Quality Afterschool and Summer Learning	State	12/06/2019-06/30/2020	\$ 40,000.00	Siobhan Ryan
Verizon Innovation Grant/Digital Promise	Private	04/01/2020-06/30/2022	\$ 9,000,000.00	Dr. Tracy Curley Frank Farias
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 9,065,000.00</b>	

### DISCUSSIONS

1. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** Request an English Language Teacher at Resiliency Preparatory Academy and an Instruction Support Liaison at Talbot Middle School for the remainder of FY20, as presented by Dr. Matthew Malone, Superintendent of Schools.
2. **First Read:** Program of Studies/Course Catalog at Durfee High School, as referred by the Instructional Subcommittee and presented by Mr. Matthew Desmarais, Principal of Durfee High School.
3. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** Director of Network Infrastructure & Telecom Services Job Description, as presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.
4. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** Request for \$11,000 for amplifying units' public safety radio, as presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.
5. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** Request for \$10,000 for repairs to North Park baseball field (Durfee baseball), as presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.

6. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** Accelerated Repair Program on Wiley School, as referred by the Facilities and Operations Subcommittee and presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.
7. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** Tentative Agreement for Special Education-Van Transportation, as referred by the Facilities and Operations Subcommittee and presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.
8. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** FY21 Transportation IFB, as referred by the Facilities and Operations Subcommittee and presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.
9. **Presentation and Discussion:** Proposed FY21 Budget, as presented by Dr. Matthew Malone, Superintendent of Schools.
10. **Discussion and Vote to Approve:** Year-to-Date Budget Report, as presented by Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

#### **RETIREMENTS:**

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Effective</i></b>
Pamela Burdick	Teacher, Greene Elementary School	07/11/2020
Karen Graca	Art Teacher, Kuss Middle School	02/29/2020
Cynthia Bertoncini-Guimond	Teacher, Greene Elementary School	09/05/2020
Donna Medeiros	Teacher, Greene Elementary School	06/30/2020
Barbara Page	Special Education Paraprofessional, Durfee High School	06/30/2020
Jeanne Silva	Teacher, Fonseca Elementary School	08/20/2020
Carl Stec	Cafeteria Worker, Silvia Elementary School	02/28/2020

#### **RESIGNATIONS:**

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Effective</i></b>
Gina Faria	Instructional Support Liaison, Watson Elementary School	01/21/2020
Rebekah Frank	Paraprofessional, Greene Elementary School	01/31/2020
Irene Houle	Teacher, Durfee High School	02/14/2020
Silvia Jones	Cafeteria Assistant, Watson Elementary School	02/07/2020
Mallory Laflamme	Paraprofessional, Stone School	01/31/2020
Dean Robinson	Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School	01/31/2020
Kerry Souza	Kindergarten Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School	02/14/2020
Nancy Torres	Part-Time Cafeteria Worker, Nutrition Department	12/20/2019
Derik Tutt	Paraprofessional, Fonseca Elementary School	01/16/2020

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

<b><i>Name/Address</i></b>	<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Effective</i></b>	<b><i>Salary/Certifications</i></b>
Antone Almeida 25 Company Street, Apt. 1 Warren, RI 02885	Safety Officer, District wide	02/10/20	\$1,217.60 bi-weekly Level 2
Emma Benevides 6 Longwood Drive Westport, MA 02790	SEL Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School	01/13/20	\$15.58 hourly Step 1, Credits 61

Codi Boucher 870 Maple Street Fall River, MA 02720	Part Time Junior Custodian, Facilities and Operations Department	01/21/20	\$13.00 hourly
Danielle Cabral 68 Foote Street Fall River, MA 02724	English Language Acquisition Coach, MLL Department	02/24/20	\$72,645 per annum Master's Degree, Step 11 License: Waiver
Yorgan DeCastro 130 Barnes Street, Apt. 1 Fall River, MA 02723	Part Time Safety Officer, Facilities and Operations Department	01/06/20	\$16.28 hourly Level 3
Andrew DiStefano 66 Strawberry Lane East Taunton, MA 02718	Special Education Paraprofessional, Henry Lord Community School	02/03/20	\$15.58 hourly Bachelor's Degree, Step 1
Owen Gallagher 26 Cherokee Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871	Paraprofessional, Kuss Middle School	02/03/20	\$15.58 hourly Step 1
Kayla Jusseaume 115 West Point Drive Fall River, MA 02720	ASD Grades 1 /2 Paraprofessional, Henry Lord Community School	02/10/20	\$15.58 hourly Step 1
Jordan Medeiros 199 Anthony Street Fall River, MA 02721	Part Time Junior Custodian, Facilities and Operations Department	02/03/20	\$13.00 hourly
Kelly Minor 81 Peckham Street, Apt. 1 Fall River, MA 02724	Safety Officer, Talbot Middle School	01/13/20	\$1,217.60 bi-weekly Level 2
Amber Pherber 310 Eastern Avenue, Apt. 3 Fall River, MA 02723	Special Education, Self-Contained, Paraprofessional, Viveiros Elementary School	01/21/20	\$16.60 hourly Bachelor's Degree, Step 5
Katherine Rossi 83 Lawley Street, #1 Dorchester, MA 02122	School Adjustment Counselor, Kuss Middle School	01/21/20	\$68,678 per annum Master's Degree, Step 5 License: SSW/SAC (all levels)
Gloria Saddler 318 Jencks Street Fall River, MA 02723	Special Education, Self-Contained, Paraprofessional, Morton Middle School	01/21/20	\$15.58 hourly Master's Degree, Step 1
Felicia Taylor 16C Maple Gardens Fall River, MA 02721	Special Education K/1 Paraprofessional, Henry Lord Community School	01/21/20	\$15.58 hourly Step 1
Alicia Thatcher 12 Sandy Road Wareham, MA 02571	Special Education Teacher, Resiliency Preparatory Academy	01/21/20	\$69,097 per annum Bachelor's Degree, Step 11 License: Moderate Disabilities (5-12 Provisional
Kendra Walters 1023 Plymouth Avenue Fall River, MA 02721	Art Teacher, Talbot Middle School	01/29/20	\$44,814 per annum Master's Degree, Step 1 License: Waiver

**DEATH NOTICES:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Eliseu P. Amaral	Fall River Public School Crossing Guard	01/18/2020

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Debra Cabral*  
Administrative Assistant

ADA Coordinator: Gary P. Howayeck, Esq.- 508.324.2650