

Farmington River Regional School District

School Committee Meeting

Meeting #435

Farmington River Elementary School Library
Monday, July 10th, 2023
7:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Carol Lombardo, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett

Also Present: Tim Lee, Caroline Stamm

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Denise Hardie.
 - A. **Roll Call:** Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Carol Lombardo, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett
- II. **Public Comment:**
 - A. There were no public comments at this time.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes:**
 - Meeting #434 from June 26th, 2023
 - A. Melissa Bye made the motion to accept the minutes from Meeting #434.
 1. Carl Nett seconded the motion.
 2. **VOTE:** Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Carol Lombardo, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, and Carl Nett were in favor. There were no objections, and the motion passed to accept the minutes from Meeting #434.
- IV. **Superintendent's Contract:**
 - A. Denise Hardie brought the Superintendent's Contract back to the Committee to review the number of working days. The Committee discussed the revision/return of working days to 94.
 - B. Carl Nett made a motion to accept the Superintendent's Contract (with the adjustment to 94 working days).
 1. Phil Magovern seconded the motion.
 2. **VOTE:** Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Carol Lombardo, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, and Carl Nett were in favor. There were no objections, and the motion passed to accept the Superintendent's Contract (with the adjustment to 94 working days).
- V. **Superintendent's Report:**
 - A. **Summer School:** Today was the first day of Summer School; we have a variety of students attending across all grade levels.
 - B. **Business Office:** TMS was engaged to provide consulting services to fill in as the Business Administrator and also have been providing Payroll/Accounts Payable support until the Assistant to the Business Administrator has been hired. The new team has met with Tim and our Treasurer, Jane Gleason, to understand how the Business Office has been functioning and how to transition to bring everyone up to speed.
 - C. **Personnel Report:**
 1. The Assistant to the Business Administrator position has been posted, and we are currently accepting applications.
 2. Nanette Higgins has retired and Rebecca Hamill will be transitioning to Early Kindergarten. The posting for Pre-K has been posted internally to fill.

3. There is a posting for 2 Educational Support Professionals (Paras).

D. Superintendent Schedule: Tim will be on campus on Mondays and Wednesdays, with Thursday as an as-needed extra day.

VI. Rural Schools Bill:

- A. The Committee received a letter from Jessica Corwin who is seeking support on the state's Rural Schools Bill. Carl Nett explained the context and what the School Committee can do to show support, including having the Committee pass a resolution. He distributed a draft resolution template, and the Committee discussed how to tailor the letter to our needs.
- B. Carl Nett made a motion to send a letter supporting the Rural School Bill.
 - 1. Deb Fogel seconded the motion.
 - 2. VOTE: Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Carol Lombardo, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, and Carl Nett were in favor. There were no objections, and the motion passed to send a letter supporting the Rural School Bill.
- C. Carl made a motion to pass the resolution, as discussed by the Committee, to be sent.
 - 1. Phil Magovern Seconded the motion.
 - 2. VOTE: Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Carol Lombardo, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, and Carl Nett were in favor. There were no objections, and the motion passed to include a resolution, as discussed by the Committee, in support of the Rural School Bill.
- D. Denise will send a letter to the Select Boards requesting that they also send a letter.

VII. Policy Manual:

- A. Current Policy Manuals were distributed to the School Committee members, as well as a copy to Tim, Laurie Flower, and the Front Office.
- B. Denise stepped through the Policy Manual to highlight areas that needed attention.

VIII. School Committee Retreat & Joint Conference:

- A. There are a few members who have expressed an interest in attending the MASC/MASS Joint Conference. Denise will be following up with her contact.
- B. The Committee discussed the benefits of having a School Committee Retreat. Denise will do a survey of dates in August that will work.

IX. Other items for discussion not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before the meeting

- A. Douglas shared a conversation he had with families who have heard about FRES and are interested in sending their students but expressed concerns about transportation.
- B. BHRSD Tuition Contract: Carl and Denise spoke with the lawyers from Dupere about the legality of the contract currently.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

- A. Carol Lombardo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM
- B. Douglas Miner seconded the motion.
- C. Vote - Roll Call: Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Carol Lombardo, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Stamm