

Special Meeting: May 23, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 23, 2017
6:15 PM

Kuss Middle School
52 Globe Mills Avenue
Fall River, MA 02724

MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Correia called the meeting to order. A roll call for attendance showed at 6:15 p.m.:

Mr. Andrade: Present	Mr. Martins: Present
Mr. Coogan: Present	Mrs. Panchley: Present
Mr. Costa: Absent	Mayor Correia: Present
Dr. Costar: Present	

Also present were Attorney Assad and Superintendent Malone.

Mayor Correia read the Open Meeting Law.

A salute to the flag followed.

Discussion: Superintendent's Mid-Cycle Review, *as referred by the Evaluation Subcommittee*

MOTION: Mr. Martins-Mr. Andrade: To set this as the evaluation for the Superintendent for school year 2016-2017.

Discussion:

Mr. Andrade stated that the Superintendent presented an extensive list of items that he had done to fulfill the goals that he had presented to the School Committee and were approved in October. Those goals are what he is being evaluated on, along with the standard questions that are in the state evaluation form. He presented very compelling evidence for a very good evaluation. They had spoken about a timeline. The Evaluation Subcommittee decided to refer this to the full Committee in order to discuss the timeline of the evaluation process. Mr. Costa had presented a timeline for discussion at the Evaluation Subcommittee meeting. Once the School Committee received the evaluation form, they should return it sometime in mid-late June to Ms. Casey and she will send it to Mr. Andrade so that he could do a composite and get it back to the full Committee by mid-July. The mid-July date would give the Superintendent time to revise his goals, if necessary, and set his goals for next year.

Mr. Martins believes that this evaluation is measurable. It identifies the six goals that were determined. He thinks this will be a fair evaluation of the Superintendent. He feels there will be growth over time. If the School Committee wants to make any changes to this, now is the time to do so. Otherwise, this will be the evaluation used for the Superintendent.

Mr. Coogan asked how they rate the Superintendent on his impact on student learning. Superintendent Malone stated that they were not using that indicator this year. That will be measured in his second year. Mr. Andrade said that they did not rate the previous Superintendent on that item because, at that time, it was not required by the state. This item is only for someone who is beyond his first year as Superintendent.

Mrs. Panchley asked where the goal listed on Page 3 came from since it was not one of the original six goals. Superintendent Malone explained that that goal was added as a professional growth goal for him as

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Superintendent. It was in addition to the six strategic goals that were previously established by the School Committee.

Mayor Correia said that he will review the packet that Superintendent Malone presented but he thinks that the Superintendent is doing a fabulous job.

A roll call showed:

Mr. Andrade: Yes	Mr. Martins: Yes
Mr. Coogan: Yes	Mrs. Panchley: Yes
Mr. Costa: Absent	Mayor Correia: Yes
Dr. Costar: Yes	

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion passed

Discussion and Vote to Approve: Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Fall River Public Schools Budget

MOTION: Mr. Andrade-Mr. Coogan: To approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Fall River Public Schools Budget

Discussion:

Attorney Assad asked Mayor Correia if he could read the amount. Mr. Almeida said that the total school appropriation amount was \$95,157,870.

A roll call showed:

Mr. Andrade: Yes	Mr. Martins: Yes
Mr. Coogan: Yes	Mrs. Panchley: Yes
Mr. Costa: Absent	Mayor Correia: Yes
Dr. Costar: Yes	

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion passed

Vote to Refer: Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Fall River Public Schools Budget to the Fall River City Council for approval

MOTION: Dr. Costar-Mr. Andrade: To refer the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Fall River Public Schools Budget to the Fall River City Council for approval.

Discussion:

Mr. Martins asked if Mr. Almeida could state the total school appropriation, including the indirect costs. Mr. Almeida stated that the fiscal year 2018 operational budget was \$141,256,971.

A roll call showed:

Mr. Andrade: Yes	Mr. Martins: Yes
Mr. Coogan: Yes	Mrs. Panchley: Yes
Mr. Costa: Absent	Mayor Correia: Yes
Dr. Costar: Yes	

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion Passed

MOTION: Mrs. Panchley-Mr. Coogan: To refer the transportation budget to the Fall River City Council for approval.

Discussion:

Mr. Almeida stated that the transportation budget for FY18 was \$8,450,000.

A roll call showed:

Mr. Andrade: Yes	Mr. Martins: Yes
Mr. Coogan: Yes	Mrs. Panchley: Yes

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Mr. Costa: Absent

Mayor Correia: Yes

Dr. Costar: Yes

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion passed

Superintendent Malone stated that a lot of hard work went into producing the first ever zero-based budget in the Fall River School System. He believes that this budget will help meet the School Committee’s goals. It’s a slow step in reducing class size at the K-3 level, investing in technologies, and ensuring that they further the instructional goals of the school system. This budget will put the pieces in place to support learners in the classroom. The budget is 101% in the City’s appropriation. The Mayor not only met that but he exceeded it.

Mayor Correia said that the City’s intent is to submit this budget to the City Council as quickly as possible. The City Council will be holding their budget hearings. He encourages teachers, families, and School Committee members to contact city councilors for their approval of this budget. That is the next step in the process. The meetings have not been posted yet. The City Council President will be scheduling the budget hearings. From the Mayor’s perspective, the budget process has been much better than year’s prior. The School Committee really made this budget possible. They helped him understand how important education is to teachers and students.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Coogan-Mr. Andrade: To enter into executive session.

Attorney Assad read items that were requested for Executive Session.

- 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, specifically Julia Carlson, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7): To review and approve Executive Session Committee Minutes for the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Fall River School Committee.

Mayor Correia asked for a roll call to enter into executive session.

Mr. Andrade: Yes

Mr. Martins: Yes

Mr. Coogan: Yes

Mrs. Panchley: Yes

Mr. Costa: Absent

Mayor Correia: Yes

Dr. Costar: Yes

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion passed (6:31 p.m.)

At 6:48 p.m., the meeting reconvened. A roll call for attendance showed:

Mr. Andrade: Present

Mr. Martins: Present

Mr. Coogan: Present

Mrs. Panchley: Present

Mr. Costa: Absent

Mayor Correia: Present

Dr. Costar: Present

MOTION: Mr. Andrade-Mrs. Panchley: To approve the contract for Julia Carlson as Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer as negotiated.

No discussion

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion passed

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MOTION: Mr. Andrade-Mr. Coogan: To approve the Executive Session committee minutes from May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Fall River School Committee.

No discussion

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion passed

MOTION: Mrs. Panchley-Mr. Coogan: To adjourn.

No discussion

Six were in favor None were opposed One was absent (Costa) Motion passed (6:50 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,



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Please note: A videotape/DVD of this meeting is on file in the School Committee Office and is available for review by contacting the Administrative Assistant for the School Committee Services