

FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

DATE: July 14, 2016
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: LIBRARY, FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MEETING MINUTES

1. Supt. Hodgkin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Roll Call – Katharine Ayer and Diane Polky arrived a few minutes late.
2. Supt. Hodgkin welcomed the newly elected School Committee member, Tammy Maxwell.
3. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Supt. Hodgkin will request nominations and votes taken for Chair (Policy BDB)
Rachel Holland nominated, and Tammy seconded a motion to nominate Elaine Wilcox as School Committee Chair. Vote: 3/0
 - b. New Chair will request nominations and votes taken for Vice Chair
To see what action the Committee will take regarding nomination and vote for Vice-Chair
Rachel Holland moved, and Tammy Maxwell seconded a motion to elect Diane Polky as School Committee Vice-Chair.
Vote: 3/0

-Chair appoints sub-committees (two members each) (Ref. Policies BDA, BDE)
Chair Elaine Wilcox appointed the School Sub-Committees as follows:
Safety Committee– Elaine Wilcox, Toby Pond, Tammy Maxwell
Finance Committee– Rachel Holland, Elaine Wilcox
Policy Committee– Diane Polky, Elaine Wilcox
Negotiations Committee– Diane Polky, Katharine Ayer
Technology Committee– Elaine Wilcox, Katharine Ayer, (Elaine will also invite James Feagin to serve on the Technology Committee)
Curriculum Committee– Katharine Ayer, Rachel Holland
4. To see what action the Committee will take in regards to the minutes of the June 9, 2016 regular meeting and the June 23, 2016 special meeting.
Diane Polky moved, and Katharine Ayer seconded a motion to accept the minutes of June 9, 2016 and June 23, 2016.
Vote: 4/0 (Katharine Ayer abstained)
5. Addition/Changes To The Agenda: None.
6. Comments From The Public: None
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - 7.1 General conversation about the transition to the position of Superintendent. of Schools –
Superintendent Hodgkin noted that typically he will provide a written report to the School Committee. Superintendent Hodgkin asked if any Committee members would be interested in running for the State Board of Education. All members present declined the invitation. Superintendent Hodgkin discussed his plan to work his 50-day schedule. Superintendent Hodgkin discussed the protocol for hiring hourly employees, noting that in the past all employees in the Fayette School Department are brought before the Committee for approval, and will continue to do so if that is the Committee's request. Chairlady Wilcox noted that the Committee would like to continue the process as they have in the past. Regarding assigning staff within the building to vacant positions, the Board agreed that the Superintendent and Principal have the authority to assign staff as needed.

8. Principal's Report

8.1 General conversation about the transition to the position of Principal

Principal Blue presented the Committee with a Principal's Report and gave an overview of some of the things she is working on. She noted that she has been in contact with Envision Math to help teachers reach their goals, NWEA, etc. She assured the Committee she is doing many things to be prepared for school. Principal Blue offered that she will be at the Fayette Community Day on Saturday for a "Meet the Principal" opportunity. Principal Blue provided an update of the positions that have been filled as well as the remaining open positions.

9. School Committee Concerns and Comments:

Rachel Holland commented that there has been a conversation with the new Pastor at the Readfield Methodist Church that there may be a possibility of a two-day per week after school care opportunity. Rachel Holland will inquire further for more details and provide more information when available.

10. Next regular monthly School Committee meeting will be held August 11, 2016. A discussion took place around setting up a yearly schedule for School Committee meetings as always occurring on the second Thursday of the month. No decision was made at this time.

11. To see if the Committee will vote to adjourn.

Rachel Holland moved and Katharine Ayer seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Any individual, who needs special accommodations to enter the building or assistance to attend this public meeting, must contact the Superintendent's Office at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting. (A.D.A.)

Respectfully submitted,

James Hodgkin
Superintendent