

FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 9, 2017 - 6:30 P.M. - FCS Library

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call To Order** – Chairlady Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
 - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Roll Call – D. Polky arrived at 6:45 p.m. – Chairlady Wilcox welcomed our new Supt., Joe Mattos
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

Memo from Jon Beekman in regard to Draft Budget – Added as 7.4
3. **Consideration of the Minutes**
 - 3.1 Approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting.

Motion T. Maxwell	Second M. Charland	Vote 4/0
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4. **Communications/Public Comments**

Selectwoman Cronin offered that she has been attending transition meetings regarding 3-5 y/o's and would like to provide the Sch. Comm. with information she has gathered to date. Currently, children located through Childfind are serviced by CDS as 3 and 4 y/o's with needs that qualify for services. Potentially, children found eligible will be the responsibility of the school starting at age 3. The State is suggesting creation of a separate account aside from CDS. This could potentially be a budget issue for schools with an increase in administrative costs. The chance that this will happen in the next 2 years is extremely high.
5. **Reports**
 - 5.1 Superintendent's Report – Supt. Mattos gave an overview of his written report to the Sch. Comm.
 - 5.2 Principal's Report – Prin. Blue gave an overview of her written report to the Sch. Comm. She also reported on some minor changes that have been made to the bus routes that have improved arrival times. She also noted that she will be attending the Principal's conference for 2 days next week.
 - 5.3 MSMA Conference Report - Supt. Mattos, Chairlady Wilcox, and Vice Chairlady Polky gave overviews and comments regarding the classes they attended at the recent MSMA conference.
6. **Old Business - None**
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1 Policy Update – Supt. Mattos gave an overview of the database that he created after assessing Fayette's current policies. He recommended that a Policy Comm. meeting take place to decide how to proceed to address Fayette policies.
 - 7.2 Review and Approval of Maintenance Contracts – Supt. Mattos had provided a listing in his Supt.'s Report to the Sch. Comm. of the current and upcoming contracts that he is working on.
 - 7.3 Review School Cancellation Protocol – Supt. Mattos offered that the State has provided guidelines to make up the days that were recently used for the storm. He noted that we could wait until Spring to see how many snow days we will have used in addition, and consider ways to make up days, including the possibility of applying for a waiver.
 - 7.4 Selectman Jon Beekman's memo regarding a Draft Budget for 17/18 - The Sch. Comm. received a memo from Selectman Beekman regarding the budget for 17/18. Vice Chairlady Polky noted that she believed the Sch. Comm. has provided a timely budget to the Town Budget Comm. in the past. She also suggested that the Sch. Comm. take part in the preparation of the articles.

Selectwoman Cronin agreed that the Sch. Comm. should come to Selectmen meetings to collaborate on the budget. Supt. Mattos will work with C. Rose to prepare a rough draft of the FY 19 budget as soon as possible.
7. **School Committee Comments** R. Holland asked how many families are being served by the lunchbox program and the process for donations. She also asked about the status of Kid's Club, and it was reported to be going well with average attendance of 6-8 children per day.

10. **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chairlady Wilcox declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Next regular monthly School Comm. meeting, **Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fayette Central School library.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Mattos, Superintendent

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.)

Upcoming Events:

November 9th – Bat Night – Mrs. Webb’s Class
November 9th – All School Field Trip to Maine Military Museum
November 10th – Veterans’ Day
November 17th – Picture Retake Day
November 17th – Report Cards go home
November 20th and 21st – Parent-Teacher conferences
November 22-25th – Thanksgiving break
November 27th – Fall Concert