

# FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairlady Elaine Wilcox, Vice-Chairlady Diane Polky, Jennifer Bero, Michelle Keating, and Katharine Ayer

ABSENT/LATE:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Michael Cormier, Administrative Assistant Teresa Harrington, Selectman Jon Beekman, Staff Members, and Members of the Community

1. Superintendent Cormier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance recited.  
Roll Call taken.
2. Superintendent Cormier welcomed newly reelected member Elaine Wilcox, and newly elected member Katharine Ayer to the Fayette School Committee.
3. Superintendent Cormier accepted nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Fayette School Committee.
  - 3.1 Jennifer Bero nominated Elaine Wilcox for Chairman. Diane Polky seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
  - 3.2 Elaine Wilcox nominated Diane Polky as Vice-Chairman. Jennifer Bero seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
  - 3.3 Chairman Elaine Wilcox made the following appointments to sub-committees

**Principal Search Committee:** Diane Polky and Katharine Ayer,  
Superintendent Cormier asked that Teresa Harrington, Administrative Assistant be a member, as well as two members of the public, one staff member and himself. Chairlady Elaine Wilcox appointed community members Nancy Cronin and Joel Swimm, and asked Barbara Ray to get back to Superintendent Cormier tomorrow with a staff member for the sub-committee.

<b>Finance Committee:</b>	Elaine Wilcox and Jennifer Bero
<b>Negotiations Committee:</b>	Diane Polky and Michelle Keating
<b>Curriculum Committee:</b>	Michelle Keating and Katharine Ayer
<b>Technology Committee:</b>	Elaine Wilcox, Katharine Ayer, Dick Darling
<b>Policy Committee:</b>	Elaine Wilcox and Diane Polky

**Safety Committee:**

Elaine Wilcox, Jennifer Bero, David Howes, Marjie Bruen, principal

4. Diane Polky moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 regular. Michelle Keating seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
5. Diane Polky moved to go into executive session to consider the appointment/compensation of employees pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). Katharine Ayer seconded. The motion passed 5-0. At 6:43 p.m. the School Committee entered executive session. Chairlady Elaine Wilcox declared the meeting public at 7:29 p.m.

Diane Polky made a motion to accept the contract with Superintendent Michael Cormier, pending clerical adjustments, for the 2014-2015 school year. Jennifer Bero seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Katharine Ayer moved to accept a Memorandum of Understanding with Winthrop Public Schools for Special Education Director, pending clarification the contracted salary amount does not exceed Fayette School Department's budgeted amount for this position. Jennifer Bero seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

6. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: None
7. Comments from the Public: Selectman Jon Beekman stated he would expect the School Committee to stand by their acceptance, at the June School Committee meeting, of the resignation of the Special Education Director.
8. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Cormier asked for the School Committee's input on how they would like the administrative offices reconfigured. He was trying to get a sense of their expectations and what parameters he can work within. The Committee did not want the bookkeepers office space changed as it provides her the necessary privacy needed to perform her job. They are concerned about the special education classroom being so close to the office and would prefer that it be moved. Ultimately, it is up to Superintendent Cormier as to how this is done.

Superintendent Cormier spoke about the staffing structure for the 2014-2015 school year. He is meeting with staff tomorrow to get a sense of what they want. He is also looking at the current budget. He will come back to the School Committee with his recommendation and corresponding budget increase.

9. Diane Polky moved to accept the renewal of educational technicians Marjie Bruen, Elaine Swimm, Crystal Vigue, Dan Cronin, Nicole Bamford, and Gail Daigle, pending a superintendent review of the budget for adequate funding. Jennifer Bero seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
10. Next Regular School Committee meeting, Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Fayette Central School Library. A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Fayette Central School Library.
11. Jennifer Bero moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Katharine Ayer seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Harrington  
Michael Cormier,  
Recording Secretary

Secretary to the  
Committee