HEARD Kelly Welch open the Public Meeting at 5:32 PM.

MOTION by Kelly Welch to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining with Units A, B, C, and D, and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation of the Massachusetts Department of Labor Relations. Having these discussions in open session may be detrimental to the school committee’s bargaining and litigating positions. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

RE-Open Meeting at 6:34 PM.

HEARD Melissa Keefe read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission and Vision Statements.

HEARD Kelly Welch recite the recording statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

HEARD Kelly Welch introduce Abigail Nehring, the new Enterprise reporter.

UPDATE FROM THE HEALTH AGENT
HEARD Scott McGann update the Board on the number of cases and trends of COVID in town. Mr. McGann reported that we do have community spread at this time and that we are in the second wave of the virus.

HEARD questions and comments following Mr. McGann’s report.
HEARD Dr. Parkinson comment that the COVID PCR test would remain accurate amidst the new strain of the virus.

HEARD Mr. McGann report on the status of Phase I, II and III of the vaccination process. Registration will be required through the PrepMod system.

HEARD questions and comments following Mr. McGann’s update.

**UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

HEARD Dr. Duerr report on the following:
- Updates to the COVID Dashboard.
- Status of BINAX rapid testing for staff.
- School nurses have moved into Phase I of the vaccination process.
- Mike Falcone, IT Director, secured free “Hot-Spots” from T-Mobile for our school community.
- Thanked the Cape Cod Church for their generous donation of $10,000 to the Falmouth Chapter of the Cape Kid Meals program.

HEARD questions and comments following Dr. Duerr’s update.

HEARD Mr. Furnari congratulate Officer Ryan Hergt for his promotion to Sergeant. Dr. Duerr stated that Officer Senior will be the new School Resource Office and is currently in the transition period.

**ACT on Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Falmouth School Committee and the Falmouth Educator’s Association (FEA)**

HEARD Kelly Welch, Chair, thank the FEA for their professionalism through the negotiation process. MOTION by Leah Palmer to accept the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) presented here tonight. SECONDED by Terri Medeiros. HEARD Lisa Hart thank everyone for their time and effort put into this agreement. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

**ACT on Changes to 2020-2021 School Calendar**

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to accept the addition of professional development days on January 27, March 24, and June 9, 2021 where students will be in school in the morning and asynchronously remote in the afternoon. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

**ACT on Additional Bill Signer Assignment**

MOTION by Natalie Kanellopoulos to nominate Terri Medeiros as a second bill signer. SECONDED by Bill Rider. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

**First Read on Policies JF: School Admissions, JLCB: Immunization of Students, JFABD: Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services, and JFABF: Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care**

HEARD Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, report that the adjustments in these policies are to comply with the DESE regulations. Discussion.

**PRESENTATION on Structured Learning Time**

HEARD Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, report that in mid-December, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) amended the regulations for Student Learning Time (SLT). This emergency revision established minimum levels for live or synchronous instruction. This move is a response to the growing data about the impact of the pandemic on the social, emotional and mental health of the Commonwealth’s children as well as their academic growth. The Falmouth Public Schools responded to the
Department of Elementary and Secondary Educations’ (DESE) time sampling request and has received preliminary notification that we comply with these new guidelines.

HEARD questions and comments following Dr. Tellier’s report.

PRESENTATION of Superintendent’s Mid-Cycle Goals

HEARD Dr. Duerr report on the key actions for the following goals:

Goal #1 Implement a districtwide plan and school specific plans in response to COVID-19
   a. Weekly meetings with Principals
   b. Weekly communications with school community

Goal #2 Focus on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity
   a. Engaged in Book Study, “White Fragility” with Administrators
   b. Retained Kalise Wornum for staff professional development
   c. Continue to work with community on the Equity and Diversity Coordinator position

Goal #3 Address Homework policy and practice concerns in grades PreK-12
   a. Ongoing

Report from Chair and Committee Members

HEARD Kelly Welch, Chair, report that the next School Committee is January 26, 2021, which will be the second night of Town Meeting if they do not finish on January 20, 2021. If necessary, School Committee will have to cancel their meeting. Ms. Welch also reminded members that the annual Martin Luther King event will be Monday, January 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Registration can be made on line at the No Place for Hate website.

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos report that the Affirmative Action Committee recently met and voted on their recommendation for the Equity and Diversity Coordinator position. It has been sent to the School Committee.

HEARD John Furnari report that the Cape Cod Collaborative is currently planning the annual (Virtual) Legislative Breakfast. Target date is February 12, 2021. Further details will be forthcoming.

HEARD Andrea Thorrold state that a Division VII meeting may be added onto the (Virtual) Legislative Breakfast.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to adjourn. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of January 12, 2021. Hard copies can be found in the Superintendent’s office or electronic copies on-line at the Town’s website: www.falmouthmass.us/AgendaCenter

- School Calendar 2020-2021, v January 7, 2021
- Draft of revised policies: JK, JL CB, JFABD, and JFABF
- Draft Minutes December 8, 2020
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Falmouth School Committee and the Falmouth Educator’s Association

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:03 PM

Minutes Approved: January 12, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Keefe
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid

v. 1/26/21