ALL MEMBERS REMOTE:
Kelly Welch, Chair L Lori Duerr, Superintendent
Natalie Kanellopoulos, Vice-Chair Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent
Melissa Keefe, Secretary Lisa Hart
Terri Medeiros John Furnari
Andrea Thorrold Leah Palmer
William Rider

Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary REMOTE
Community Access REMOTE

HEARD Kelly Welch open the Public Meeting at 6:00 PM.

HEARD the Pledge of Allegiance

HEARD Kelly Welch recite the Recording Statement. Abigail Nehring stated she would be recording for the purposes of reporting for the Falmouth Enterprise.

HEARD Kelly Welch recite the Falmouth Public Schools Mission and Vision Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

ACT on DESE Waivers for Full Time In-Person Learning
HEARD Lori Duerr review and summarize the proposed waivers as follows:

- Waiver #1: Request of waiver to delay the start date of 5\textsuperscript{th} grade full in-person learning to April 26, 2021 for Morse Pond School.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the proposed Waiver #1 and submit to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. SECONDED by Terri Medeiros. DISCUSSION. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

- Waiver #2: Request of waiver to implement 4.5 days of full time, in-person learning for Morse Pond School, Lawrence School, and Falmouth High School. Morse Pond School and Lawrence school will begin a full time, in-person learning mode on April 26, 2021. Falmouth High School start date is still to be determined.
HEARD Principals Mary Gans, Tom Bushy, and Kathleen Riordan, describe the necessity for waiver #2.

HEARD questions and comments following the descriptions of Waiver #2.

MOTION by Terri Medeiros to approve the proposed Waiver #2 and submit to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

HEARD Dr. Duerr thank the Board for their support in this matter.

HEARD John Furnari thank our principals for being caring and dedicated educators.

**ACT on Student Opportunity Act (SOA)**

HEARD Dr. Duerr, Superintendent, state that the SOA was first presented to the School Committee on March 10, 2020. Since then there have been many delays by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

HEARD Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent, review a PowerPoint presentation that included the following:
1. Description: The Student Opportunity Act is a three-year, evidence based plan to close opportunity and achievement gaps among student subgroups
2. Commitments
   a. Focusing on student subgroups
   b. Using evidence-based programs to close gaps
   c. Monitoring success with outcome metrics and targets
   d. Engaging all families

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

MOTION by Andrea Thorrold to approve the proposed Student Opportunity Act. SECONDED by Natalie Kanellopoulos. Roll Call Vote. Eight in Favor. John Furnari Against. (8-1) MOTION PASSES.

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of March 15, 2021. Hard copies can be found in the Superintendent’s office or electronic copies on-line at the Town’s website:

- [DESE Waiver Slide](#)
- [Student Opportunity Act PowerPoint, March 15, 2021](#)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:08 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Keefe  
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid