

# FRAMINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Desmarais Room

June 7, 2016

## **Present:**

Mr. Donald C. Taggart, III, Vice Chair  
Mr. Jim Stockless, Clerk  
Ms. Michelle Brosnahan  
Mr. Richard Finlay  
Ms. Beverly Hugo  
Mr. Jim Kelly

## **Absent:**

Ms. Heather Connolly, Chair

## **Also present:**

Dr. Stacy L. Scott, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Frank Tiano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Edward Gotgart, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer  
Mr. Rick Gallagher, Director of Transportation  
Mr. Matt Torti, Director of Buildings and Grounds

## **Agenda**

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## **ACTION**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Mr. Taggart convened the School Committee with six members present. Mr. Taggart read the Open Session Meeting agenda items and announced that the meeting would be recorded and broadcast live with assistance from the School Committee's FHS-TV Producers and Framingham Access Cable. Mr. Taggart said the Chair had a conflict and will not be at tonight's meeting.

## **I. MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Taggart stated that the first 15 minutes of every regularly scheduled meeting are reserved for members of the public who want to comment on a topic within the School Committee's purview. Ms. Sarah McKeon, Co-President of the Framingham Teachers Association (FTA) addressed the Committee and reported that the union took a vote of no confidence in the Superintendent with 890 members and 88% supported the vote. She said it was done because there have been issues raised that the union did not feel were addressed and the fact that the Superintendent had allowed his license to lapse. Ms. McKeon thanked the School Committee for taking a position in favor of capping charter schools. A graduate from the FHS class of 2011, Tanya, addressed the Committee and said she is an organizer for a campaign seeking state approval of the charter school cap. Mr. Brian Schneider, a parent, resident and voter addressed the Committee and said he has followed the open letters sent to the School Committee from the FTA and the letters indicate discontent in the district leadership by the teaching staff. He asked the Committee to take a public vote of no confidence. Mr. Taggart stated it was not an agenda item and could not be done. He did state that the Committee will be meeting in Executive Session on June 21<sup>st</sup> when all members can be present. Ms. Jenifer Mosha asked if there could be a policy that would allow public posting of letters that have been sent to the School Committee. Ms. Hugo said anything that is sent to the Committee is public record and can be requested. Ms. Brosnahan said the Policy subcommittee could take a look at it. Mr. Finlay and Mr. Kelly were in favor of providing access.

## **II. RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A. Gifted and Talented Program (Sage)**

#### WordMasters Challenge

The WordMasters challenge is sponsored by Framingham's Gifted and Talented (Sage) Department and is open to all students in Grades 3 to 8. Sage teachers coordinate the challenge in each school. WordMasters is a national competition. Nationally, over 225,000 students participate in three separate meets held during the school year. There were 482 students who participated in WordMasters this school year.

Students master 75 interesting and rigorous vocabulary words, which are used to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working to solve the analogies helps student learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. Framingham has three teams competing in the Gold Division, including two teams at the elementary level and one team at the middle school level. Tonight, we recognize students in each team who earned the highest overall averages over the course of three meets during the 2015-2016 school year. These students have earned the medal for their grade level within each team.

Grade 3, Team 1: Benjamin DeGroat and Zoe Yale, Barbieri Elementary School (National Honorable Mention for both)

Team 2: Hiranmayi Narasimham, Potter Road Elementary School (National Honorable Mention)

Grade 4, Team 1: Anish Chhabra, Hemenway Elementary School (National Honorable Mention)

Team 2: Devin Cox, Dunning Elementary School (National High Honors), Highest overall average district-wide with a perfect score on Meet 1

Grade 5, Team 1: Olivia Palmer, Barbieri Elementary School (National Honorable Mention)

Team 2: Judy Xie, Brophy Elementary School (National High Honors)

Highest Overall Average in Team Middle School: Grade 6: Olivia Romito, Walsh Middle School

(National Honorable Mention), Grade 7: Anabel Mendum, Fuller Middle School (National Honorable Mention) and Grade 8: Nicholas Heineman, Walsh Middle School (National High Honors)

#### Math League

Math League is sponsored by Framingham's Gifted and Talented (Sage) department and is open to all students in Grades 4 and 5 through the department's classroom integration initiative. Sage teachers coordinate the challenge in each school. The goal of Math League is to build student interest, confidence, and stamina in critical thinking and creative problem solving strategies in response to

complex math problems through ongoing, reflective practice. This culminates in students participating in the written Math League contest of 30 multiple-choice items to be solved in 30 minutes. Top scorers in each grade will be awarded a certificate of achievement and "Math Contests" book at each school. This year 225 students participated in Math League. Tonight, the School Committee recognized those students, who earned the top scores in their respective grades in each elementary school in the district, for their outstanding achievement in the Math League Contest for 2016.

Grade 4 students were Anthony Moretti, III, Barbieri Elementary School, Sahara Mohammed-Arafa, Brophy Elementary School, Vince Kalmar, Dunning Elementary School, Anish Chhabra, Hemenway Elementary School, Justin Shick, McCarthy Elementary School, Victoria Lewis, Potter Road Elementary School, Matthew Koltenuk, Stapleton Elementary School and Alexandre Jacob, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

Grade 5 students were Beckett Bernstein, Barbieri Elementary School, Marley Cedrone, Barbieri Elementary School, Aadya Akkipeddi, Brophy Elementary School, Abigail Fishman, Brophy Elementary School, Kyle Chan, Dunning Elementary School, Jacob Erlandson, Dunning Elementary School, Juliana De Caux, Hemenway Elementary School, Johnna Maloney, McCarthy Elementary School, Jake Cahn, Potter Road Elementary School, Nicholas Luong, Stapleton Elementary School, and Calebe Antunes, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School

Framingham's Gifted and Talented Program teachers are: Nancy de Romero (Barbieri/Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools), Judith LeBlanc (Dunning/Stapleton Elementary Schools), Mary Fernandez-Sierra (Brophy/McCarthy Elementary Schools), Colleen Carey (Hemenway/Potter Road Elementary Schools), Angie Goldberg (Cameron Middle School), Chantal Ritter (Fuller Middle School), Justin Villet (Walsh Middle School) and Judith Friedland Leavey (Department Head)

Framingham's Gifted and Talented Program (K-12) is overseen by: Ms. Diane Modest, Director of Professional Development and Academic Supports.

The students received a round of applause.

**MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan that the Framingham School Committee recognize and commend the above named students and staff on their accomplishments. Discussion: Ms. Hugo said the Committee was proud of the students and teachers and the parents who brought the students to this point. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.**

#### **B. Framingham High School Student Representative**

The School Committee will recognize and commend Mr. Jake Binnall, FHS Senior, for attending and participating during Framingham School Committee meetings.

**MOTION: Moved by Ms. Brosnahan and seconded by Ms. Hugo that the Framingham School Committee recognize and commend Jake Binnall on his dedication and admirable participation at School Committee meetings. Discussion: Mr. Kelly complimented Jake on a great job in adding his thoughts and perspective from a student in the High School. He also commended him on his community involvement. Ms. Hugo complimented him for being thoughtful and said he was a great representation for the Class of 2016. Mr. Stockless congratulated Jake and said he enjoyed thoughts he shared with the class. Mr. Finlay expressed his appreciation and well wishes for Jake. Mr. Taggart said he was proud to have known Jake. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.**

### C. Framingham School Department Retirees

The following employees have notified the Human Resources Department of their intentions to retire at the end of this school year. The School Committee will recognize the following staff members and their years of service with Framingham Public Schools.

Jean Mulcahy	37 years
Anne Mangini	35 years
Nancy Cooper	33 years
Rosalie Hart	33 years
Susan Gemmell-Quemere	33 years
Margy Capuano	31 years
James Dubois	30 years
Isabel Fonseca	29 years
Judith Locke	29 years
Emilio Massas	28 years
Reinaldo Ramos	28 years
Margaret Day	27 years
Martha Guevara	26 years
Judy Wester	23 years
Lorraine Wales	23 years
Barbara Nuestadt	22 years
Susan King	22 years
Lisa Feldman	21 years
Maura Sawyer	21 years
Patricia Gentes	21 years
Jeanne Proia	20 years
Maria Morais	20 years
Ellen Taylor	19 years
Linda MacDowell	19 years
Joanna Robbins	18 years
Linda Forman	18 years
Carol O'Neal	16 years
Daniel Seeley	16 years
Donna O'Brien	16 years
Richard Nugent	15 years
Andrea Farrar	13 years
Juan Suriel	12 years
Sigrid Paddock	12 years
John O'Rourke	10 years
Pamela Laquidara	10 years
Nancy Peterson	8 years
Mary Fernandez-Sierra	3 years

**MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan that the Framingham School Committee recognize and honor the above named faculty and staff who served the students of Framingham Public Schools for so many years. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.**

Ms. Hugo said the employees will be missed and stated they left an indelible mark on the students of Framingham. Mr. Taggart thanked the employees and congratulated them on their retirement. Dr. Scott thanked the employees for their service.

### MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Hugo said the Committee is receiving a lot of calls about the yearbook and wanted the administrator to handle it but wanted a report on the process and oversight of the yearbook sometime in the future. She said in the past the Committee has always voted on meetings and she knew there was a meeting taking place next Tuesday night and a few School Committee members cannot be there.

She asked if there could be a consensus of the dates when the Committee plans on additional meetings. Mr. Taggart said he knew a meeting had been scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> with the agenda item consisting of Technology. Mr. Finlay echoed Ms. Hugo's comments. He did not believe in workshops but would rather as many televised meetings as possible.

**MOTION: Moved by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Ms. Hugo to cancel the June 14, 2016 meeting. Discussion: Mr. Finlay said technology is an important topic particularly this year. Ms. Hugo said it is not a Technology sub-committee; it was scheduled as a full School Committee meeting knowing that 3 out of 7 would not be there. Mr. Stockless said the 3 members of the Technology sub-committee would be available that night and he would see no reason to prevent the Technology sub-committee from meeting. He agreed with the sentiment to not have a full School Committee meeting when 3 members could not attend. Ms. Brosnahan said it was her understanding that it was not a full SC meeting; it is a workshop and is informational only. There will be no votes taken. Mr. Kelly said he would not have a problem with the Committee meeting when not all members could attend. Mr. Finlay said he did not understand the dire need to have a meeting. Vote: 3-2-1; motion fails.**

**MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Stockless to change the School Committee meeting scheduled for June 14, 2016 into a Technology sub-committee meeting due to the fact that 3 of 7 members will not be able to attend. Vote: 3-2-1; motion fails.**

Ms. Hugo made a point of information. She missed one meeting since 2007 and that was for when her mother died. She wanted to know all the information being presented to the full committee and did not know why the meeting could not be postponed or the topic included in another meeting. Mr. Finlay suggested the Committee start to look at meeting once per week.

Ms. Hugo said the deadline to submit nominations to the Massachusetts Association of School Committee for awards is June 10<sup>th</sup>. She said Representative Tom Sannicandro has worked tirelessly on behalf of students and has lobbied at the State House for additional funding. She also said that Mr. Michael Bower served 7 years as a School Committee member in another district, 6 years as a Framingham School Committee member and has been a Board of Selectmen member for the last 3 years.

**MOTION: Moved by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Stockless to recommend Representative Tom Sannicandro to the Massachusetts Association of School Committee (MASC) as the Framingham School Committee recommendation to receive the Outstanding School Partner Award or Community Leader for Public Education Award. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.**

**MOTION: Moved by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Stockless to recommend Michael Bower to the Massachusetts Association of School Committee (MASC) as the Framingham School Committee recommendation to receive the Tip O'Neil Award. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.**

### **III. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT**

#### **Transportation Department**

Mr. Rick Gallagher, Director of Transportation addressed the School Committee and introduced Assistant Director Patricia da Salle. He said there are 2 dispatchers, a secretary and a pony driver who work for the department. The Transportation Department is responsible for scheduling 74 buses daily, operates over 368 runs on a 3-tier system, covers 3,352 miles every day and serves 23 schools including public, private and parochial. In addition, the Department schedules 359 field trips that are grant and PTO funded, 540 sports trips and shuttles throughout the year, and performs bus evacuations

twice a year as mandated by the State. Bus stops have been centralized to minimize time spent on the bus. The routes are designed with safety and efficiency while working to deliver the students to school on time. Bus appeals are handled on a case by case basis and are reviewed thoroughly. A letter of approval or denial is from the Superintendent's office. Mr. Gallagher said the heaviest group of students who are transported are south of Route 135. He said there are many ineligible riders in that portion of Town and the Department does the best it can to get them over the railroad tracks and to their schools. He said it requires constant tweaking of routes on the south-side of Framingham every year.

Mr. Gallagher and Ms. da Salle partner with the Parent Information Center because they facilitate all the communication with the community and that is where registration takes place. When move-ins occur during the school year, a student may be placed in a school that is not their neighborhood or choice school but is where there is room. He said the Department does what it can to accommodate the requests it receives in those cases but it can be challenging in terms of logistics. He also partners with the Technology Department to enhance the systems they have put in place. The school secretaries are the front line, he said. They are the liaison with the parent, bus drivers and Transportation Department. He said they can be the best resource because of their knowledge of the student and family. As for behavior management, Mr. Gallagher works directly with the Principals and Vice Principals. He also works closely with the Special Education Department to help in assisting and training of the bus drivers in making sure we are doing all the right things for the Special Education students. Mr. Gallagher works closely with the staff in the Superintendent's Office in terms of School Committee policy and district protocol.

In terms of support from the Town, Mr. Gallagher said he attends bi-weekly meetings with the Department of Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments to review ongoing roadway construction projects and its impact on school bus transportation. The Highway Department has been very good to the Transportation Department and if there is any way they can delay the start of roadwork until after 9:00 AM, they will do that. He said the district has a good working relationship with the Fire Department due to all the work we have collaborated on with developing the Emergency Response Plan. The Fire Department will call upon the Transportation Department in the event there is a fire and it needs a vehicle for evacuees until the Red Cross can come on site. Mr. Gallagher said he began to work for the district in 1978 and he is very proud of the transportation system.

This is the third year of electronic registration for bus passes. The first year was tough with less than 10% but this past year it was almost at 50%. Summer is the busiest time of year for Transportation as the district operates summer programs. The various summer programs were utilized by 700 students last year. The district signed a new 5-year contract with Durham School Services. It includes language for a fleet rotation which will mean that when buses reach a certain mileage, they will be rotated out and a new bus brought on board.

Ms. Brosnahan said that Policy EEAA-R-1 is antiquated and she had heard some appalling behavior is going on on the buses. Drivers cannot control the students because they are driving the bus. She wanted to work with Mr. Gallagher to update the Policy with the intent to implement it at the beginning of next year. Mr. Finlay echoed Ms. Brosnahan's thoughts on that. He said student behavior has gotten bad on the buses and lost several quality bus drivers because of it; children need to learn proper bus behavior. Mr. Finlay said he finds it annoying to go on line for bus passes each year if it already known the child is riding a bus this year. Ms. Hugo asked if the cost for field trips could be reduced. Mr. Gallagher said it is determined by the contract with Durham School Services. Ms. Hugo asked about the potential for relocating the bus yard. Mr. Gallagher said he has not been given direction to look elsewhere for operations. He said in 1971 the Board of Selectmen and School Committee decided to allow bus parking at Loring Arena. A few years ago the Planning Board determined that the maximum number of buses allowed to park at Loring is 50. The School Department rents the CSX property directly across the street for parking for the remainder of the buses. Mr. Kelly said perhaps the bus yard could be folded into whatever happens as we move through the Massachusetts School Building

Authority (MSBA) process. Mr. Finlay said he had served as Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Loring property and it was by mutual agreement that allowed bus parking. It is park land and as such, it can only be deeded a certain way. By law, we cannot park there but they are allowing us to park there, he said. Mr. Taggart thanked Mr. Gallagher for the presentation.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEM**

##### **Buildings and Grounds Department**

Mr. Matt Torti, Director of Buildings and Grounds addressed the Committee. Mr. Torti drew attention to the timelines of the MSBA process. He said it is very important that we do not get behind or ahead of the timelines as the MSBA could set the project back. Given the timelines in the MSBA process, we were able to recommend a lease extension to MassBay Community College (MBCC) for the use of Farley School until July 1, 2019. Due to the timeline for starting construction, Fuller Middle School will need to remain in operation for another 3 years. The Farley Building is 99% occupied by MBCC with the exception of the pool area. He said that particular section of the Farley Building is under heavy need of repair. Mr. Torti said he is working with the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee in terms of what needs to occur with all the programs currently housed at the Fuller Middle School. At present, the Town of Framingham Board of Health, the Vision Clinic, the Early Childhood Assessment, the Parent Information Center, the Truant Officer, the Buildings and Grounds and Maintenance Department, and the Adult ESL Program all operate out of Fuller. He also said the School Department needs to keep in mind that the administration offices housed at the Perini Building will need to relocate at the expiration of its lease in 2019. Relocations of any of the offices currently at Fuller will not be a reimbursable cost born by the MSBA. There has been some talk recently about relocating the buses to Fuller at the completion of the project, Mr. Torti said, but that is not part of the MSBA process. He said the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee will need to work diligently to come up with a solution for housing all the various offices now in Fuller.

Ms. Hugo asked if a date has been set for a Fuller Building Committee meeting. Ms. Connolly said the Executive Board of the School Committee will review the list of suggested members and make any adjustments necessary. Ms. Hugo said the Committee membership is due to the MSBA on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Scott said the district is ahead of schedule and will be ready to submit required documents at the time they are requested. Mr. Taggart said that getting ahead of the MSBA process is not in the district's favor.

Mr. Torti reviewed the capital budget and some of the projects. The Stapleton Elementary School asbestos abatement is 100% complete. He encouraged members to go to the King Elementary School to see the brand new kitchen that was installed. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades were completed at multiple schools. The Stapleton site-work is scheduled for this summer. It includes sidewalks, curb cuts, all meeting ADA compliance as well as re-routing of the buses around the back of the building. Paving, storm-water run-off, field and site work will be performed by Russo Corporation who was awarded the bid to perform that work. It is a major site improvement overall for the school. It will be a complete renovation of the front parking lot, add 50 parking spots and handicap parking. He said he is very excited about this work and was appreciative of all the parents and staff from Stapleton that showed up at Planning Board meeting to support the project. He said tree clearing has already begun. He said the water main is 100 years old and still services the school. The DPW will take the opportunity to do this work since we will be building a retaining wall, he said. The Department of Public Works has to do some work first but in the end it will include a new ball field, retaining walls and an upgraded playground. Mr. Torti stated that Mr. Peter Sellers and Mr. Dan Nau from the Department of Public Works have been great to work with and very supportive.

Other FY16 capital projects included: HVAC work has been contracted out in six schools; some furniture will be purchased for the King Elementary School and two new trucks have been added to the fleet. One of those trucks will belong to the Food Services Department.

Structural shoring at Fuller Middle School will begin this summer. There are major structural issues at parts of the building. He said there has been a lot of questions about how much it will cost to keep Fuller operational. He said that was hard to answer as we are currently experiencing problems with the

roofing. The roofing company did spend \$750,000 on their own to make repairs last year. The warranty has expired and there are leaks in the A wing because of deterioration. He said the leaks will be dealt with as they occur. Since there is no warranty, the cost is per hour which can be costly. It is the same with the underpinning or shoring. He said the shoring is not as detectable as a roof leak but as sections of the building begin to fail we have to address them.

Mr. Torti reported that the front wing of the King Elementary School was quite an undertaking as a result of the winter flood. The remedial work at McCarthy and King Elementary Schools, also related to the winter flood is challenging in terms of funding. Because it is over two fiscal years, the money will come in two fiscal years. Basically, the Town received \$500,000 from the insurance company and at the recent annual Town Meeting, voted to give that money to the School Department. The rest of the money will not be turned over to the School Department until the special Town Meeting in October. He said the work at McCarthy is on-going but we are on schedule to reoccupy in August. He said the record low temperature followed by a record high temperature is what caused the pipes to burst. He said the temperature was not lower than 65°.

Every year the Department struggles to achieve what it needs to do with the level of cleaning that is acceptable. We want it highly sanitized and not only should it look clean, it is clean, Mr. Torti said. It is a challenge in the buildings that are not vacated until August and the teachers come back the third week of August. That leaves little time to get the buildings into the condition they need to be. He said the Department tries to alternate building use each summer but right now the buildings with air conditioning are the ones that are in use the most. During the summer the Buildings and Grounds Department supplements its crew with college students. He is able to hire 20 students normally but this year only 9 students applied.

He reported that the Town Manager commissioned a Blue Ribbon Committee to review five Town owned buildings and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in preparation for presentation to the annual Town Meeting. Mr. Torti as well Mr. Jim Paolini, Buildings and Grounds Director for the Town were advisors to the Committee. Their recommendations included replacing Station 2 Firehouse at a cost of \$3,000,000. They looked at replacing it at the property at A Street near the pumping station. Another recommendation was to demolish and replace the Memorial Building at a cost of \$27,000,000; demolish the Danforth Building; renovate Athenaeum Hall and upgrade the Village Hall. They did discuss the need for a school but no dollar amount was provided but it was stated that an override would be needed to fund a school. Mr. Torti said the Board of Selectmen took their report under advisement and did not present it to Town Meeting. Ms. Hugo asked about the A Street property. Mr. Torti said it is adjacent to the Junior Class parking lot. Ms. Hugo was not in favor of placing a Fire Station so close to the High School due to the interruptions that could be created by fire sirens. Mr. Finlay said when the Town wanted to build a pumping station on A Street it needed the School Committee's vote to give the land to them. When they did that, the School Committee asked if the land next to the pumping station was buildable and they said it was not because of the close proximity of the wetlands. Mr. Torti said the Town would have to come before the School Committee if it wanted to do anything with that property.

Mr. Torti said the Department is in full compliance with the lead in drinking water testing and those reports on file with the Department of Environmental Protection. He said the Department instituted a testing system in 2008, which earned an award which was mostly due to the DPW support. We continue to do flushing and maintain a flushing log at each school building. All levels are well below the allowable limits.

Ms. Hugo thanked Mr. Torti for all the work he and the staff does for the buildings and grounds of the School Department. She wanted to go on record that she is 100% against having a fire station next to the High School. Dr. Scott reiterated that the School Committee would need to sign off on that property. Ms. Hugo said she would like to see this item on a future School Committee meeting agenda.



Mr. Taggart thanked Mr. Torti for all he does for the district. Mr. Kelly said the Buildings and Grounds crew did a great job in setting up for graduation despite the rain.

## **V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan to take the April 5, 2016 Open Meeting minutes, April 12, 2016 Open Meeting minutes, April 12, 2016 Joint Board of Selectmen and School Committee Open Meeting minutes, April 25, 2016 Open and Executive Meeting minutes, May 2, 2016 Open Meeting minutes, May 9, 2016 Executive Meeting minutes, May 16, 2016 Open and Executive Meeting Minutes and May 31, 2016 Executive Meeting Minutes off the table. Discussion: None. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Stockless and seconded by Mr. Finlay to approve April 5, 2016 Open Session Meeting minutes, April 12, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2016 Joint Board of Selectmen and School Committee Open Meeting Minutes and May 2, 2016 Open Meeting Minutes. Discussion: None. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.

**MOTION:** Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Kelly to table April 25 Open Meeting Minutes, May 16, Open Meeting Minutes to June 21, 2016 School Committee Open Session Meeting and table April 25, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes and May 31, 2016 Executive Meeting Minutes to June 21, 2016 School Committee Executive Session Meeting.

## **VI. MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Kelly referred to an e-mail sent to the coach of the ski team about a decision made to discontinue the funding of the stipend for this position. The reason given is that it promotes inequity because of the cost and he said there is no difference between this sport and hockey. Hockey is cost prohibitive sport to many yet we fund it. Dr. Scott said there would be no change and that it was a misunderstanding. The stipend is secure, he said. At this present moment there is a ski club and we are funding a stipend for the advisor, he said. Ms. Brosnahan said that it is the School Committee who votes to recognize varsity sports. She said it was the ski club's intention when they came to a School Committee earlier this year to be recognized as a varsity sport. She said cheerleaders are paying for expensive sneakers and choreographing of dance routines. She said she did ask for an audit of the Athletic Department to allow the School Committee to ready to set fees when the time comes. They need to be equitable she said. She said the audit needs to include every sport and the fees are associated with that sport. Mr. Taggart reminded members that the purpose of Member Reports is for members to report out to the public and each other of the various school events they have attended or make comments on school visits.

Mr. Kelly said there will be a Joint Meeting of the Communication, Technology and Policy sub-committees on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He said it will include a walk-through of the new website which is 90% complete and on target to be rolled out just after the end of the school year. Mr. Finlay said he went to Stapleton Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade band performance and Cameron Middle School's jazz band performance and commented on the extraordinary talent in the district. Ms. Hugo said she and Mr. Stockless will be going to Capitol Hill on Tuesday and advocating for more funding for education.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Kelly that the School Committee adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: unanimous with Ms. Brosnahan, Mr. Finlay, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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Buildings and Grounds Update dated June 7, 2016

Transportation Department PowerPoint dated June 7, 2016

*\*These minutes were approved without change at the Framingham School Committee meeting of June 28, 2016.*

*A copy of these minutes was forwarded to the Office of the Town Clerk on July 5, 2016.*