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49 Ms. Connolly apologized for the administrative oversight that resulted in the meeting on June
50 21, 2016 being rescheduled to tonight. She introduced the new administrative assistant to the
51 School Committee, Ms. Nancy Swallow. Ms. Hugo explained where the restrooms were located
52 due to building construction. Ms. Connolly explained that School Committee members, Mr.
53 Donald Taggart and Ms. Michelle Brosnahan were out of town and would not be attending the
54 meeting. Ms. Connolly explained that Dr. Scott would not be attending the meeting due to a
55 long standing family reunion/vacation. She read a statement explaining that Dr. Scott is looking
56 forward to working with Fuller's new principal, Jose Duarte and preparing for next school year,
57 including strengthening the social studies program. Ms. Connolly read the executive agenda for
58 the record and then reviewed the items on the open agenda.

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60 **I. MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC**

61 Ms. Connolly noted that the first fifteen minutes of every regularly scheduled meeting are
62 reserved for members of the public who want to comment on a topic within the School
63 Committee's purview. The following members of the public came forward.

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- 65 1) Mark McClennen
- 66 2) Kerry Dunne
- 67 3) Jerry Bloomfield
- 68 4) Fiana Hershorici
- 69 5) Annabel Mendum
- 70 6) Sheila Gaglione
- 71 7) Ryan Gaglione
- 72 8) Barbara Rappaport
- 73 9) Julie Gelardi and Kerry Najarian
- 74 10) Jenn Mosche
- 75 11) Scott Wadland
- 76 12) Robert Bolles

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78 Parents, students, educators, and residents stated that they are concerned by separate and
79 unequal educational policies around social studies education at Fuller. They are asking to have
80 the decision to remove certified social studies at Fuller Middle School rescinded for the 2016-17
81 school year and beyond. They are concerned that teachers will consider social studies as an
82 afterthought, and possibly leave the school if asked to teach outside their subject area. Parents
83 offered to work toward solutions and suggested that teachers teach multiple grades; and social
84 studies class sizes be increased. It was also noted that enrollment is down at Fuller and perhaps
85 school choice and the feeder system should be reexamined. A resident expressed that the
86 school department appears to be choosing between behavioral problems and social studies.
87 Students expressed that they feel they will learn better when taught by certified instructors.
88 They also expressed concern that test scores will be impacted, and they will not be well-
89 prepared for 8th grade social studies. Chair Connolly read a letter submitted by Carol Virdinlia
90 asking to have the decision reversed and have the 6th grade social studies teachers reinstated as
91 well.

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93 A parent asked about a policy that letters submitted by the public about an issue become part
94 of the permanent record. Mr. Finlay responded and it was affirmed that letters received will be
95 placed on file. Ms. Hugo thanked the students and adults who spoke for their efforts and
96 acknowledged that the committee will take up the concerns expressed by the community. Mr.
97 Finlay also thanked the community for their participation and believes that the same education
98 should be provided at all schools. He has contacted Dr. Scott and Dr. Sonia Diaz. He hopes that
99 the new principal will assess the situation.

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101 **II. UPDATE ON FINANCIALS**

102 Ms. Hugo explained that the Finance/Capital Budget subcommittee met on June 20, 2016 in the
103 Perini Board Room. Present were the Director of Finance, Chuck Gallo, and School Committee
104 members Jim Kelly and Jim Stockless. Handouts were distributed and will go into the record.
105 The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2016 at 8am in the Perini Board Room.

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107 The new Finance subcommittee discussed the FY 2016 operating budget including the year-to-
108 date in preparation for the June closing; and the status of the district is in terms of salaries, and
109 operating expenses. It was noted that there was a budget transfer of \$500,000 for the
110 McCarthy project. Utilities and out-of-district costs were also discussed. The School Department
111 aligns its numbers with the town. The information is returned as an end-of-year report, is
112 signed by the School Committee in September or October, and sent to the Department of
113 Education, where it is available for the public to view online.

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115 The subcommittee spoke about FY 17 hires and budget alignment. They heard from the state
116 that the revenue shortfall is expected to be between 450 and 750 million dollars. A later update
117 indicated the shortfall could be higher. The Brexit vote may affect state investments. The state
118 typically balances the budget for the next year on July 1st, but the governor is allowing an extra
119 month. The FY 17 operating budget is not clear until the final numbers are received from the
120 state. The subcommittee started looking at FY 18 operating and capital budgets and timelines.
121 These are presented to various town committees and the CFO, Mary Ellen Kelly, in the next few
122 months. Nothing official can be done until FY 16 is completed.

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124 The Business department was asked to look at equity spending among middle schools. The
125 expense budgets were funded as follows: Cameron, \$59,962 with 528 students for \$113.56 per
126 student; Walsh, \$71,805 with 699 students for \$102.72 per student; and Fuller, \$78,701 with
127 485 students for \$162.27 per student. More money is spent on students at Fuller middle school
128 and, if a school needs more, more is invested. The public is encouraged to contact the Finance
129 Subcommittee by calling 617-626-9121 or emailing questions to
130 school__committee@framingham.k12.m.us, or call the Business department.

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132 Mr. Finlay expressed concern about attending morning subcommittee meetings and hopes that
133 the meetings can be scheduled at a time when members can attend. Ms. Hugo explained that
134 the schedules of the three subcommittee members and staff were considered. The rules about
135 when meetings can be offered state that regular School Committee meetings are held on the 1st
136 and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, from September through June commencing at 7pm. No
137 meetings of elected officials shall commence before 7pm, except for executive sessions. The

138 rule does not apply to subcommittees or working groups as long as the group does not
139 comprise a quorum of elected officials. Jim Kelly expressed that he can be flexible when he is
140 not travelling. Ms. Hugo understands the point and will give advance notice to the heads of
141 town subcommittees. Ms. Connolly suggested that the meeting times alternate.

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143 **III. UPDATE ON COMMUNICATIONS**

144 Mr. Kelly explained that the Technology subcommittee met jointly with the Policy
145 subcommittee on June 9, 2016. The Technology subcommittee reached out to the previously
146 assembled Communications Task Force, in order to discuss the four major bullet points of their
147 recommendations. One Task Force member and two members of the public attended despite
148 the meeting being well publicized. The Task Force and the community at-large will continue to
149 be invited.

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151 At the meeting, Task Force recommendations and a progress report on the status of the new
152 Framingham Public Schools website were discussed. The website went live on June 22, 2016
153 and was intentionally held until the school year was completed so that the community could
154 provide input into the system. Content was updated and the site includes user-friendly features
155 such as the ability to bookmark pages; the option to use Google translate, and a mobile option.
156 Mr. Kelly commended Mr. George Carpenter, Director of Technology, and his team on the
157 website. The process was managed in-house within the operating budget. There were delays to
158 the January timeline but the website is a better experience. Feedback will be solicited.

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160 Mr. Kelly reported that NBC has donated equipment to the Framingham Public Access channel
161 and, together with Teleview, they will support on demand and live streaming from the channel.
162 It is anticipated this will be fully functional by the time school resumes. The subcommittee will
163 reconvene after school resumes and the public and the Communications Task Force will be
164 invited to attend.

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166 **IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

167 **A. Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Resolutions**

168 Mr. Stockless explained that the state board of directors has come up with resolutions which
169 parallel the work being done in Framingham. Framingham will work with the board to craft
170 resolutions on; charter school reform; fully funding the foundation budget; and the promotion
171 of social and emotional well-being of students. More details will be given when the resolutions
172 come to the School Committee in the fall for a vote.

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174 Ms. Hugo explained that there are three additional resolutions. She asked that the members
175 vote on the ideas. The final wording will be edited and then the resolutions will go to the
176 resolutions committee statewide and the board of directors. The first idea is that, knowing
177 that learning a second language improves neurocognitive development and preparation for the
178 future, the current requirement of two years of world language study should be increased to
179 three years. Language study should commence before middle or high school. The second idea is
180 a reduction in reporting required by teachers and administrators. An inordinate amount of
181 reports are required by educators including TS Gold. It is not known if these lead to higher
182 achievement. The third idea came out of an equity symposium Ms. Hugo attended in
183 Washington, D.C. on insuring equity in the administration of school discipline. It prohibits

184 discrimination in school districts on the basis of the protected classes. It provides policy and
185 training for school personnel, addresses school climate issues, employs corrective measures,
186 and reviews police and school resource officers. The resolution would also address the
187 collection and evaluation of data on an ongoing basis to assess the implementation of policies
188 and procedures as they relate to nondiscrimination.

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190 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Stockless and seconded by Ms. Hugo that the School**
191 **Committee votes to accept the three ideas for resolutions as presented:** increase
192 world language requirement to three years; reduce amount and duplication in reporting
193 by teachers and administrators; insure equity in the administration of school discipline
194 so that it is safe and fair.

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196 **Discussion:** It was clarified by Mr. Finlay that the ideas will be brought to the committee
197 in the fall for a full reading. Mr. Finlay supported the idea that language instruction
198 should start at elementary level, and be equitable across the district. Ms. Hugo
199 explained that a delegate for the assembly will be chosen. If an idea is chosen, it will be
200 lobbied at the state level by all school committees.

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202 **Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Finlay voting in favor;**
203 **5-0-0.**

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205 **B. Framingham Teachers Association Side Letter of Agreement**

206 The Framingham School Committee and the Framingham Teachers Association have agreed to
207 enter into a Side Letter of Agreement for a more effective method in paying teacher's Tuition
208 Reimbursement. The School Committee voted in Executive Session on June 21st to approve and
209 accept the Side Letter.

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211 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Ms. Hugo that the School Committee**
212 **votes to accept the Side Letter of Agreement regarding Tuition Reimbursement as**
213 **presented.**

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215 **Discussion:** Mr. Stockless explained that this is an example of how interest based
216 bargaining works. A small subgroup met to discuss how to fix a piece of contract to
217 prevent problems down the road. The process will be continued with other issues as
218 they arise to keep the lines of communication open with the Framingham Teacher's
219 Association. Mr. Finlay noted that other school committee members not in attendance
220 also supported the agreement.

221 **Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Finlay voting in favor;**
222 **5-0-0.**

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224 **V. SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

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226 Ms. Connolly referenced copies of the Framingham Public Schools School Committee calendar.
227 The proposed meeting dates are July 12, 2016, July 19, 2016 and August 9, 2016. A retreat will

228 be held on August 22, 2016 and a meeting on August 23, 2016. Tuesdays through December are
229 reserved for meetings. The first and third Tuesdays are reserved for School Committee
230 meetings. The second Tuesday is reserved for subcommittee meetings and the fourth Tuesday
231 is reserved for workshops and retreats. October is an exception because the first meeting of the
232 month will be a Wednesday. Ms. Connolly explained that January through summer 2017 will be
233 considered in August.

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235 Mr. Finlay expressed support for the meeting schedule. Mr. Kelly expressed that remote
236 participation is an option but Framingham elected officials are not allowed to participate
237 remotely. Mr. Finlay would like to motion that the Selectman be asked to allow remote
238 participation. The motion will be considered during Member Reports.

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240 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School**
241 **Committee votes to accept the meeting dates from July through December 2016 as**
242 **presented. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly**
243 **and Mr. Finlay voting in favor; 5-0-0.**

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245 **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

246 The minutes were approved by consent as amended in Executive session.

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248 **A. April 25, 2016**

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250 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School**
251 **Committee approve the April 25, 2016 open and executive session minutes.**
252 **Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly and Mr.**
253 **Finlay voting in favor; 5-0-0.**

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255 **B. May 9, 2016**

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257 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School**
258 **Committee approve the May 9, 2016 executive session minutes. Discussion: Vote:**
259 **Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Finlay voting in favor; 5-0-0.**

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261 **C. May 16, 2016**

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263 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School**
264 **Committee approve the May 16, 2016 open and executive session minutes.**
265 **Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly and Mr.**
266 **Finlay voting in favor; 5-0-0.**

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268 **D. May 31, 2016**

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270 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School**
271 **Committee approve the May 31, 2016 executive session minutes. Discussion: None.**
272 **Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Finlay voting in favor;**
273 **5-0-0.**

275 E. June 7, 2016

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277 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School**
278 **Committee approve the June 7, 2016 open session minutes. Discussion: None. Vote:**
279 **Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Finlay voting in favor; 5-0-0**
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281 **VII. MEMBER REPORTS**

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283 Mr. Finlay requested a motion to send a letter to the Board of Selectman to revisit the idea of
284 allowing remote participation. Mr. Finlay will send a policy document used by another town
285 outlining remote participation. He noted that other boards and committees would benefit.
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287 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Kelly that the School Committee**
288 **votes to send a letter to the Board of Selectman to revisit the idea of allowing remote**
289 **participation. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless, Mr.**
290 **Kelly and Mr. Finlay voting in favor; 5-0-0**
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292 Mr. Stockless congratulated the boy's volleyball team on winning the state Championships this
293 year. He noted that he was contacted by the high school drama department regarding a trip to
294 Greece. A representative from the high school spoke and stated that due to recent events in
295 Turkey, the proposal is being reconsidered.
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297 Ms. Hugo reported that she and Mr. Stockless travelled to Washington, D.C. The trip was
298 sponsored by the state organization. They attended an equity symposium, two days of learning
299 and advocacy, and a full day on Capitol Hill with the Massachusetts legislature. Ms. Hugo
300 thanked Dr. McCarter, Brendan Ryan, Dr. Gotgart, and Dr. Scott for supplying information
301 needed to advocate for children in Framingham. Four issues were considered as part of the
302 national agenda: the Every Student Succeeds Act; the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act; the
303 Perkins Career and Technical Education Reauthorization Act; and federal investments in
304 education. The Framingham School Committee wrote resolutions on the eradication of poverty;
305 expanding funding for special education; school safety and a ban on the sale of assault
306 weapons; intergenerational issues around the Affordable Care Act, Social Security, Medicare
307 and Medicaid; paperwork reduction; and the preservation of earmarking in the legislative
308 process.
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310 **VIII. BILLS AND PAYROLL**

311 The Chair confirmed that bills and payroll had been reviewed and signed.
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313 Ms. Connolly thanked Ms. Swallow, members and staff, and members of the public for
314 attending.
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316 **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

317 The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.
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319 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Hugo and seconded by Mr. Finlay that the School Committee**
320 **adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Stockless,**
321 **Mr. Kelly and Mr. Finlay voting in favor; 5-0-0**

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323 The meeting adjourned at 9:23p.m.

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325 **MEETING DOCUMENTS**

326 Emergency Response Plans
327 Family and Community Engagement Center June Updates
328 Student Activity Accounts (JJF, DF)
329 Framingham Public Schools 2016-2017 School Committee Calendar
330 Electronic Communications and Social Media Use Policy
331 April 25, 2016 Open and Executive Meeting minutes
332 May 9, 2016 Executive Meeting minutes
333 May 16, 2016 Open and Executive Meeting minutes
334 May 31, 2016 Executive Meeting minutes
335 June 7, 2016 Open Meeting Minutes

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337 The School Committee has received and read the following petition, letters, and emails regarding social
338 studies instruction at Fuller Middle School. Copies will be placed on file as received, with the official
339 minutes of this meeting in the School Committee office. For more information, contact the School
340 Committee at school__committee@framingham.k12.m.us .

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342 Jaden Sicotte
343 Peter Rappaport
344 Sheila Gaglione
345 Esta Montano
346 Kerry Najarian
347 Joann Pelley
348 Andrea Flores
349 Karlha Mendoza-Ruck
350 Krystal Perez Hernandez
351 Mariana Letellier
352 Mya Quinones
353 Iliana S. Moran
354 Caroline Ames
355 Carly Sofro
356 Kerry Dunne
357 Heidi McIndoo
358 Kim Cella
359 Shondra Parejo

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361 **These minutes were approved at the July 12, 2016 Framingham School Committee meeting*
362 *with minor changes.*

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364 *A copy of was forwarded to the Office of the Town Clerk on July 27, 2016.*

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