



FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 11, 2025

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Veitch, Brian Monroe, Erik Andersen, Stephanie Pickup, Nicole Pacheco, Kelly Ochoa

STAFF PRESENT: Superintendent Tara Kohler, Assistant Superintendent Mark Balestracci, School Business Manager Nicole Potter

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Veitch at 6:52pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve regular session minutes from April 30, 2025 made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco, approved with one abstention of Mrs. Pickup (5-0).

Motion to approve executive session minutes from April 30, 2025, for content only, made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco, approved with one abstention of Mrs. Pickup (5-0).

Motion to approve regular session minutes from May 14, 2025 made by Ms. Ochoa, seconded by Mr. Andersen, approved with one abstention of Mr. Monroe (5-0).

Motion to approve executive session minutes from May 14, 2025, for content only, made by Ms. Ochoa, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco, approved with one abstention of Mr. Monroe (5-0).

Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent:

Updates from the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBVT):

Superintendent, Michael Watson, and School Committee Members, and Paul Kitchen and Wayne Oliveira were present and spoke to the Committee about the new state regulations regarding enrollment into the vocational school. Mrs. Pickup also asked about revisiting the After Dark Program with GNBVT. Mr. Watson explained he would love to get the program up and running with Fairhaven, there are possible budgetary issues, and will need to discuss that with the Superintendent. Superintendent Kohler will follow up with Mr. Watson regarding the After Dark Program.

Update on Competency Determinations for all upcoming classes:

Student Services Director, Tanya Dawson went over the new competency determination terms for future classes with the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Update on the TWC Phoenix Waterproofing & Masonry site logistic plan and draft baseline schedule of the Fairhaven High School Phase I, Gable Project:

Mrs. Potter presented the site logistic plan to the Committee as well as the baseline schedule of the project (Attachment A).

Review of Department of Public Works Collaboration of services and vote to Surplus the Sander Unit:

Superintendent Kohler expressed to the Committee that the collaboration with the Department of Public Work, specifically Josh Crabbe, Highway Superintendent has been a great success. They are working on safety projects as well as in kind collaborations.

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe to surplus the sander unit to the Department of Public Works, Mrs. Pacheco seconded, motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Update on the consideration of creating a Fairhaven High School Band Booster Club:

Superintendent Kohler told the Committee the High School Band has made significant improvements and may be creating a Booster Club, PTO type of organization for fundraising purposes. This will be a parent run group, so the Committee does not need to vote on this, she wanted to make them aware this may be coming in the near future.

Massachusetts Life Science Center Equipment Grant Update:

Assistant Superintendent Balestracci told the Committee that Dr. Welty from Fairhaven High School, applied for a grant through the Massachusetts Life Science Center and was awarded \$72,000 for equipment and Personal Development (PD) at the High School. They are looking to create a new pharmacy pathway with the money.

Upcoming Events:

The next School Committee Meeting will be held June 25, 2025 if needed.

Unfinished Business:

Superintendent Evaluation:

Mr. Veitch noted the evaluation was almost completed, waiting on evidence for the goals. He stated the Step 2, Standards.

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Fairhaven Educators Association (FEA), Unit C and litigation (G.L. c 40A judicial review) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining/litigating position of the Fairhaven School Committee and the Chair so declares, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco, roll call vote, approved unanimously (6-0).

Open Session meeting paused at 7:59 pm.

Open Session meeting resumed at 8:06 pm.

New Business:

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco to ratify the Fairhaven Educators Association (FEA), Unit C contract, motion approved unanimously (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco to approve the Fairhaven High School Music Department to attend an out-of-state/overnight field trip to New York City to participate in the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival on April 9-12, 2026, approved unanimously (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco, to award a contract of \$180,320 to Village Green Restoration, Inc for the Fairhaven High School, Phase VII Window Restoration, passed unanimously (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco, to accept Teacher Mini Grants from the Fairhaven High School Alumni Board: \$1,500 for Health / Physical Education materials to integrate CPR & EAD Training into the curriculum, \$550 to provide gold cords for and a catered lunch to provide recognition of Advanced Placement English students, and \$250 to provide an extra charging station for chromebooks, passed unanimously (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco to establish the Class of 2029 account, passed unanimously (6-0),

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to table the amendment of the Superintendent's contract until the next School Committee meeting, passed unanimously (6-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Monroe to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Pacheco, passed unanimously (6-0).

Adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Sheri Souza
Secretary to the Fairhaven School Committee

Approved June 26, 2025





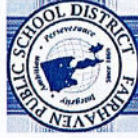
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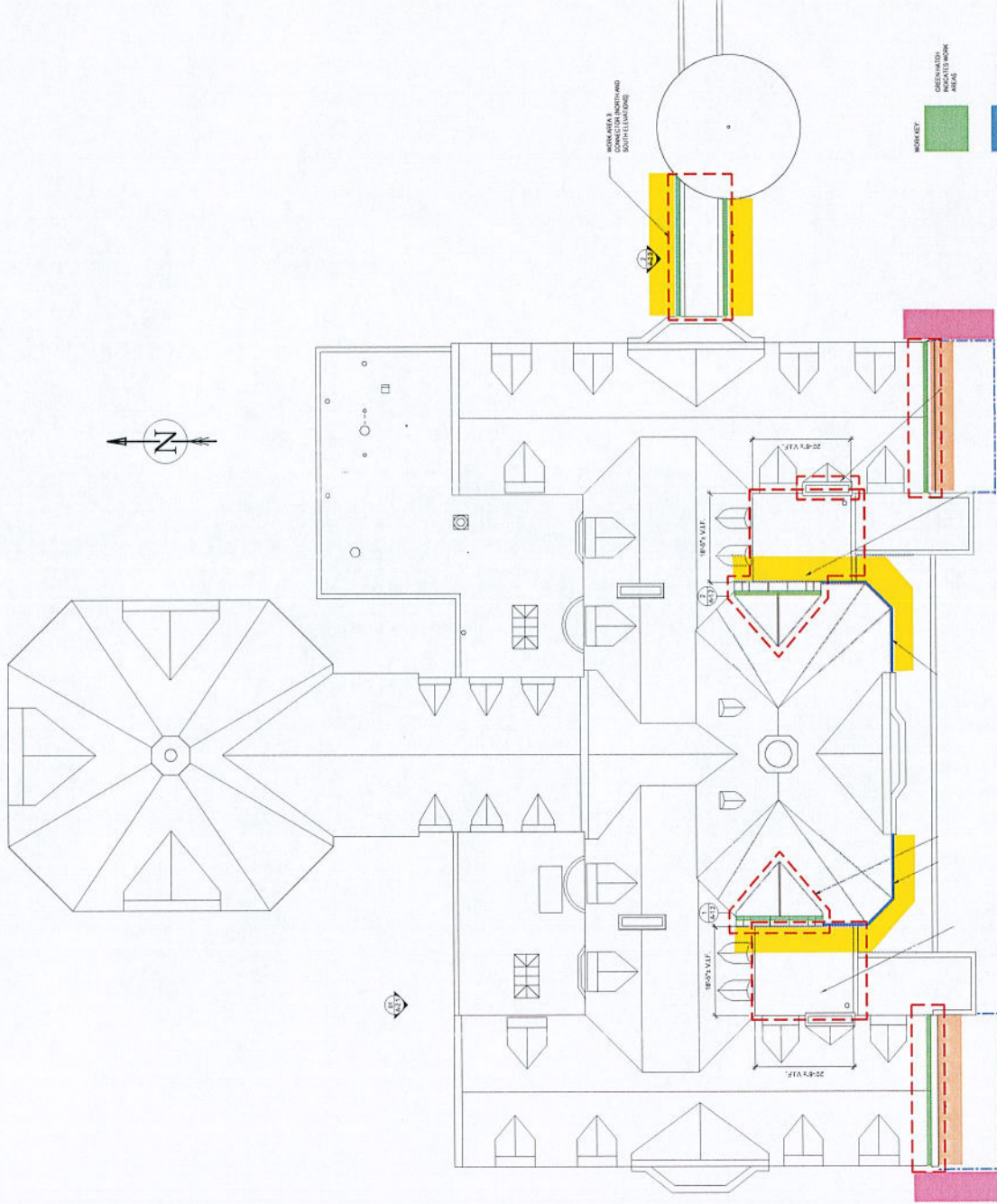
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- Site Fence with scrim

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- BLUE: 6" WOOD SHINGLE ROOF WITH REFRIGERANT

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