



FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 26, 2025

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Veitch, Brian Monroe, Erik Andersen, Kelly Ochoa

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Veitch at 5:00pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve regular session minutes from June 11, 2025 made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Andersen, roll call vote, approved (4-0).

Motion to approve executive session minutes from June 11, 2025, for content only, made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Andersen, roll call vote, approved (4-0).

Upcoming Events:

The next School Committee Meeting will be held August 20, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21 to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with Non-Union Personnel, and to reconvene in open session, seconded by Mr. Andersen, roll call vote, approved unanimously (4-0).

Open Session meeting paused at 5:05 pm.

Open Session meeting resumed at 5:09 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Superintendent Evaluation:

Mr. Veitch stated the evaluation was completed, Superintendent Kohler received both proficient and exemplary ratings in the different categories. She received an overall proficient rating.

Receive the SY 25-26 School Committee dates and vote to approve:

The Committee received the SY 25-26 meeting dates.

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe to accept the SY 25-26 School Committee meeting dates, seconded by Mr. Andersen, roll call vote, approved (4-0).

New Business:

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Andersen to accept a grant from the Fairhaven High School Alumni Board of \$1,775 for monogrammed chairs for the Athletic Department, roll call vote, approved (4-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Andersen, to amend the Superintendent's contract, roll call vote, passed (4-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Andersen to surplus old and broken desks, and old and broken cafeteria tables, roll call vote, approved (4-0).

Questions from Individual Committee Members:

Mr. Monroe commended Superintendent Kohler and the Administration team for doing an excellent job with negotiations and the NEASC accreditation. Mr. Veitch as well as Mr. Andersen agreed with Mr. Monroe.

Any Business Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Prior to the Posting of this Meeting:

Superintendent Kohler updated the Committee regarding the Fairhaven High School Gable Project. She stated that the steel beams are in better condition than anticipated and the brick that matches will be in on time. She also mentioned that the South West Gable has more damage than anticipated with the terracotta crumbling and the limestone falling apart.

She will keep them updated as the work progresses. Superintendent Kohler also mentioned that the Town Accountant has not returned the permit fees, voted on at the June 9, 2025 Select Board meeting. She will be reaching out to the Town Hall or the Select Board Chair to get that resolved.

A motion was made by Mr. Monroe to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Andersen, roll call vote, passed (4-0).

Adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Sheri Souza
Secretary to the Fairhaven School Committee

Approved, August 20, 2025