



Foxborough Regional Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 8, 2020 at 6:15 PM

Location

MS/HS Cafetorium

For access to the meeting please enter through door G

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Trustees Present

Badawi Dweik, Kathleen Crawford, Matthew Yezukevich, Reem Ozone, Sergio Martin, Susanna Girard

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

Annie Azarloza, Ben Dyer, Cathy Alix, Heidi Berkowitz, Karen Calvert, Krisan Pope, Lori Obenchain, Mark Logan, Matt Harrington, Mike Cournoyer

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Kathleen Crawford called a meeting of the board of trustees of Foxborough Regional Charter School to order on Thursday Oct 8, 2020 at 6:19 PM.

II. Leadership Report

A. Re-Opening Planning

In the past three weeks:

- The percentage of students residing in communities at moderate to high risk increased steadily from 69% to 73% to the highest level to date of 79% this week.
- 13 of our districts have been in the high and/or moderate risk categories at least 2 of the last 3 weeks.
- 11 of our sending districts have seen an increase in average daily case rates in at least 2 of the last 3 weeks; and
- 9 of our districts have seen an increase in the % of positive cases in at least 2 of the last 3 weeks.
- Positivity rates for municipalities in our sending districts continue to be higher than the state averages.

As a result, the administration recommended beginning our Hybrid phase-in model no earlier than Monday, November 2, 2020. This would allow us to assess data beyond this week's high/moderate risk rates with the hope of seeing the necessary positive trends to bring students back to the classrooms.

It is a unanimous recommendation from the senior leadership team to continue Remote Learning at this time.

Assuming positive results over the next few weeks:

- Week of November 2nd: Grades K, 1, 5, and 6 Hybrid students return to campus through the cohort model.
- Week of November 9th: Grades 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 10 Hybrid students return to campus through the cohort model.
- Week of November 16th: Grade 11 Hybrid students return to campus through the cohort model.
- Week of November 30th: Grade 12 hybrid students return to campus through the cohort model.

- Remote Only students will continue learning through the remote model throughout this time.

Discussion on the proposal to delay the start of the hybrid model included:

- The states definition of Grey, Green, Yellow and Red designations
- Current health metrics in Massachusetts
- Current recovery rates (once ill) compared to early spring
- Giving teachers a few more weeks to work with Google classroom prior to having students live and on line at the same time
- Quality of virtual learning Spring 2020 vs Fall 2020
- The state has recommended that FRCS follow our largest sending district of Brockton (35% of our school population) as our sole indicator of our status but allows us to view other communities. The school's administration and Board of Trustees are monitoring all of our sending districts and evaluating them based on a weighted distribution of our school's population.
- In order to consider re-opening in a Hybrid model, we would need to see a three week trend of decreasing infection rates based on the states direction to schools.
- The board of trustees are state volunteers and as such we are obligated to follow the criteria of the state regardless of our personal agreement with the criteria and how they are defined
- Moving Trustee's meetings to Thursday night will we allow us to monitor the health data released by the states on Wednesday evenings.

Reference:

- Gray = Free to open for in person learning
- Green = Hybrid Only
- Yellow = Remote or Hybrid depending on your schools unique characteristics
- Red = Remote only

Susanna Girard made a motion to delay the beginning of the hybrid model to start no earlier than 02NOV2020 with an accelerated re-introduction of students as outlined by the administration.

Reem Ozone seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Matthew Yezukevich	Aye
Susanna Girard	Aye
Badawi Dweik	Aye
Kathleen Crawford	Aye
Sergio Martin	No
Reem Ozone	Aye

III. Committees

A. Governance

Matthew Yezukevich and Karen Calvert reviewed a draft Request For Proposals (RFP) to find a search firm to aid in the search for a new executive director for the school. The proposed timeline is to post on 09OCT2020 so that proposals are returned to the school by 21OCT2020.

IV. Closing Items

A. Approval of the minutes: 29SEP2020

Matthew Yezukevich made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from Board Meeting on 09-29-20.

Sergio Martin seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Sergio Martin	Aye
Matthew Yezukevich	Aye
Susanna Girard	Aye
Badawi Dweik	Aye
Reem Ozone	Aye
Kathleen Crawford	Aye

B. Adjourn Meeting

Susanna Girard made a motion to adjourn from public session to executive session without returning to public session for the purposes of contract negotiations.

Matthew Yezukevich seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Reem Ozone	Aye
Sergio Martin	Aye
Matthew Yezukevich	Aye
Badawi Dweik	Aye
Kathleen Crawford	Aye
Susanna Girard	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susanna Girard

The listed matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.