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## Foxborough Regional Charter School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday March 14, 2022 at 6:15 PM

#### Location

Foxborough Regional Charter School

#### Middle School Media Center

131 Central Street

Foxborough, MA 02035

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#### Meeting Format

Whether in person or online, the public is welcome to attend Board Meetings and have access to meeting minutes. Meetings are held once a month and additionally, as determined by the Board Chair. All meeting Agendas are posted to the school website at least 48 hours in advance of each public meeting.

During the meeting, the Board follows the published agenda and works through business. Audience members are not part of the formal discussion or deliberations, but may raise their hand to add brief comment or ask clarifying questions. Meetings start promptly on time as noted on the agenda.

#### In person details:

- Please Review [COVID Guidelines](#) if you are attending in person
- Please Enter through the Middle School Main Office

- Please remember to sign in upon arrival

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### **Trustees Present**

Kathleen Crawford, Matthew Yezukevich, Sergio Martin, Susanna Girard

### **Trustees Absent**

Badawi Dweik

### **Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

Kathleen Crawford

### **Guests Present**

Anissia Vixamar (remote), Annie Azarloza, Dana Benton-Johnson, Heidi Berkowitz, Julia Garcia (remote), Karen Calvert, Kathleen Foley, Lori Obenchain, Todd Tetreault

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Susanna Girard called a meeting of the board of trustees of Foxborough Regional Charter School to order on Monday Mar 14, 2022 at 6:29 PM.

## **II. Committees**

### **A. Enrollment**

**Heidi Berkowitz** presented the FY23 Enrollment Recommendation with additional details and rationale based on a meeting held on Friday with Kathleen Crawford and Susanna Girard. The plan is different from previous years with a focus on the current challenges at the Middle/High Schools where trauma-informed behaviors are being more dramatically impacting daily interactions.

The Board discussed the financial impact of reducing the number of students and staffing positions for the upcoming year and those impacts in future years. This plan would impact nine staff members in the Middle School. It should be noted that the Board can adjust this plan.

The Board asked about the difference between having one less section per grade in Middle School versus a possible reduction in student to teacher ratio. Dana Benton-Johnson expressed the students and teachers wish to have additional space of higher value than lowering the ratio. They believe this will be more impactful.

The Board and Administrative staff reviewed the proposed plan. They decided that we should increase the proposed project by ten student positions in the 9th grade to support a balanced budget and continue providing needed support to the Middle School. Karen Calvert expressed concern about the number of students to use in the upcoming budgeting process.

Possible unintended consequences could include a family who is offered a position in the Elementary School may not choose to attend our school if the older sibling cannot join because there are no open positions in the Middle/High School. Although this is not ideal, the school does have a larger than average waitlist this year and can absorb a possible increase in families not enrolling when offers are made.

Kathleen Crawford arrived at 6:29 PM.

Susanna Girard made a motion to approve the FY23 Enrollment Recommendation with an additional 10 student positions added to the ninth grade.

Matthew Yezukevich seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Badawi Dweik	Absent
Matthew Yezukevich	Aye
Susanna Girard	Aye
Kathleen Crawford	Aye
Sergio Martin	Aye

## **B. Governance**

**Annie Azarloza** informed the Board that several students are interested in having student representation on the Board of Trustees. One student has reached out to their local elected official to change the law around student representation on Charter School Boards nationally.

This is in line with the school prioritizing student service and leadership experiences. However, the Bylaws for FRCS would need to be updated to support a change to include student representation. This will take some time to update and review with the legal counsel. It would then need to come to the Board for approval on at least two regular board meetings to accept the proposed changes. Finally, changes to the Bylaws required final approval from DESE before implementing any change.

This topic was brought up at a recent meeting; **Susanna Girard** reached out to Board on Track for guidance on different ways to implement student participation in the Board. The conference is planned for this week, and Heidi Berkowitz and Annie Azarloza expressed interest in attending the meeting.

The Board agreed to have Annie, Heidi and Susie meet with Board on Track and report back to the Board at the next regular Board meeting in April.

In the meantime, the Board would encourage any student to participate in the process by joining Board meetings when they are held as well as addressing the Board during the Privilege of the Floor portion of Board meetings.

### III. Closing Items

#### A. Approval of Minutes: 11JAN2022

Matthew Yezukevich made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from Board Meeting on 01-11-22.

Kathleen Crawford seconded the motion.

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

##### Roll Call

Susanna Girard	Aye
Kathleen Crawford	Aye
Sergio Martin	Aye
Matthew Yezukevich	Aye
Badawi Dweik	Absent

#### B. Approval of Minutes: 15FEB2022

Susanna Girard made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from Board Meeting on 02-15-22.

Matthew Yezukevich seconded the motion.

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

##### Roll Call

Kathleen Crawford	Aye
Matthew Yezukevich	Aye
Sergio Martin	Aye
Susanna Girard	Aye
Badawi Dweik	Absent

#### C. Approval of Minutes: 28FEB2022

Tabled

#### D. Approval of Minutes: 01MAR2022

Tabled

#### E. Approval of Minutes: 07MAR2022

Tabled

#### F.

## Approval of Minutes: 08MAR2022

Tabled

### G. Vote to Adjourn

Matthew Yezukevich made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kathleen Crawford seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Kathleen Crawford	Aye
Matthew Yezukevich	Aye
Badawi Dweik	Absent
Sergio Martin	Aye
Susanna Girard	Aye

### H. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susanna Girard

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### Documents used during the meeting

- BOTApprovedEnrollmentPolicy-November20172ndReading.pdf
- Projections for BOT 3 14 2022.xlsx
- FY23 Enrollment Recommendation.docx
- FRCS By-Laws - January 2015.pdf

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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.