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Monday, January 8, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Revised Agenda

(Original Posting on January 4, 2024, at 3:28pm)

Monday, January 8, 2024

Durfee High School

Auditorium

5:30 PM

460 Elsbree Street

Fall River, MA 02720

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1. Opening of Meeting

Subject	1.1 Roll Call
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	1. Opening of Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Procedural
Subject	1.2 Salute to the Flag
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	1. Opening of Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Procedural
Subject	1.3 Open Meeting Law
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	1. Opening of Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

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2. Citizens' Input

Subject	2.1 Citizens' Input
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	2. Citizens' Input
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

This agenda item allows for public comment that is not limited to items on Agenda. The Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. Although this is not a time for discussion, the School Committee appreciates public input and may refer such comments to administration for appropriate follow-up.

3. Recognition Awards

Subject	3.1 Recognition Awards
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	3. Recognition Awards
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

There are no Recognition Awards this month.

4. Subcommittee Updates

Subject	4.1 Subcommittee Updates
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	4. Subcommittee Updates
Access	Public
Type	Information

- Special Education/Alternative Education and Early Childhood Subcommittee, Kevin Aguilar-Chair
- Instructional Subcommittee, Mimi Larrivee-Chair

5. Superintendent's Report

Subject	5.1 Superintendent's Report
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	5. Superintendent's Report
Access	Public
Type	Information

- Letourneau Elementary School Air Quality Update
- Hiring Update

6. Student Comment/Student Delegate Report

Subject	6.1 Student Comment/Student Delegate Report
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	6. Student Comment/Student Delegate Report
Access	Public
Type	Information, Procedural

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Student/Delegate(s) when present to make appropriate comments regarding school events, issues important to students, or student government activities in their schools. The Student Delegate(s) may recommend items for future consideration.

7. Approval of Minutes

Subject	7.1 Approval of Minutes-Regular School Committee Meeting 12.11.23
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	7. Approval of Minutes
Access	Public
Type	Action, Discussion

8. Approval of Travel Requests

Subject	8.1 Travel Requests
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	8. Approval of Travel Requests
Access	Public
Type	Action, Discussion

Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests permission to travel:

Destination	Montpellier, Vermont
Objective of the Trip:	Students will have a once in a lifetime experience of witnessing a total solar eclipse. We will travel to Vermont into the path of totality so students can have the full experience of the eclipse. The next total solar eclipse to pass over Fall River is not until 2079.
Class/Club/Grade	Astronomy and The Astronomy Club
# of Adult Chaperones	5
# of Students	30
Teacher in Charge	Vanessa Beck, Wendy Reigel
Dates	April 8, 2024
Departure/Return Time	April 8-Depart 8:00am Durfee April 8-Return 8:00pm
Means of Transportation	Bus
Cost per Student	\$20 to cover eclipse glasses and food, but this will be fundraised

Funding	Club Travel funds and fundraisers
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Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, Lori Obenchain, requests permission to travel:

Destination	New Orleans, LA
WorkShop Name/Objective	NASP 2024 Annual Convention School Psychology Professional Development
Name of Participants	Paul Gldman, Tierney Gifford
Dates	February 14, 2024-February 17, 2024
Departure/Return Time	February 13, 2024-Depart February 16,2024- Arrival
Means of Transportation	Flight
Cost per Student	Conference-\$578 Hotel-\$1,554 Flights-\$600 Total-\$2,732
Funding	Special Education Travel

Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests permission to travel:

Destination	Johnson & Wales
Objective of the Trip:	To inspire and provide insight to current industry trends and career paths through culinary demonstrations and discussions with alumni and professionals-college tour
Class/Club/Grade	Culinary Arts- Grade 12
# of Adult Chaperones	6
# of Students	18
Teacher in Charge	Shakira Rock, Jenna Michael, Katelyn Gellar, Alana Yasso, Matthew Bettencourt
Dates	March 11, 2024
Departure/Return Time	Depart-9:00am Return-2:30pm
Means of Transportation	Bus
Cost per Student	\$25
Funding	Culinary Budget

Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests permission to travel:

Destination	Johnson & Wales
Objective of the Trip:	To inspire and provide insight to current industry trends and career paths through culinary demonstrations and discussions with alumni and professionals-college tour
Class/Club/Grade	Culinary Arts- Grade 11
# of Adult Chaperones	6
# of Students	33
Teacher in Charge	Shakira Rock, Jenna Michael, Katelyn Gellar, Alana Yasso, Matthew Bettencourt
Dates	April 8, 2024
Departure/Return Time	Depart-9:00am Return-2:30pm
Means of Transportation	Bus
Cost per Student	\$25
Funding	Culinary Budget

Durfee High School Principal, Matthew Desmarais, requests permission to travel:

Destination	Cooperstown, New York
Objective of the Trip:	visit the Baseball Hall of Fame Play an Endowment game vs. Case High
Class/Club/Grade	Varsity and JV Baseball Team
# of Adult Chaperones	3
# of Students	30
Teacher in Charge	Mike Martin-Head Coach
Dates	April 18, 2024 April 19, 2024
Departure/Return Time	Depart-5:00am April 18, 2024 Return-10:00pm April 19, 2024
Means of Transportation	Fisher Bus Co.
Cost per Student	\$285.00
Funding	Baseball Fundraising Account, Various Donations

9. Acceptance of Donations

Subject 9.1 Donations

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Category 9. Acceptance of Donations

Access Public

Type Action, Discussion

- Superintendent Pontes, on behalf of the Fall River Public Schools, requests acceptance of \$20,000 donation from MEDITECH. This donation will be used at the discretion of the Fall River Public Schools for the advancement of technology and technology instruction.
- Superintendent Pontes, on behalf of the Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Jackie Francisco, requests acceptance of a \$2,500 donation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This donation will be used to purchase additional Art Panels to use during the Arts Expo.

10. Approval of Grants

Subject 10.1 Approval of Grants

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Category 10. Approval of Grants

Access Public

Type Action, Discussion

Grant Name	Funding	Duration	Amount	Grant Director
IDEA 274 Special Education Program Improvement	Federal	12/14/2023-09/30/2024	\$ 97,947.00	Lori Obenchain
TOTAL			\$ 97,947.00	

11. Approval of Contracts

Subject 11.1 Approval of Contracts
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Category 11. Approval of Contracts
Access Public
Type Action,Discussion

NEW

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE & AMOUNT
FACILITIES CONTRACTS		
AI3 Architects	Designer Services to Include Preliminary Design/Programming Phase, Design Development, Construction Documents, Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Boring, Test Pit Evaluation and Site Survey of the Pre-Kindergarten Modular Construction Project at 1207 Globe Street	Facilities & Operations-Contracted Services-\$378,629.20
Leftfield LLC	OPM Services-Planning sessions with City Departments, collaboration with Utilities, coordinate real time and progressive pricing for budget projects, and assist with Value Engineering, Document Management and review of all findings for the Pre-Kindergarten modular construction project at 1207 Globe Street	Facilities & Operations-Contracted Services-\$75,000.00
Lynnwood Construction LLC	Greene School-Demolition and removal of playground equipment, demolition and removal of 4" concrete slab in three areas of the play areas and fine grade playground areas	Facilities & Operations-Contracted Services-\$96,420.00
GRANTS CONTRACTS		
ADAC	Instructional Coaching at St. Stanislaus Catholic School	Title I-Contracted Services-\$33,395.70

CONTINUATION

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE & AMOUNT
MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT		
Southcoast Hospitals Group	Employee Assistance Program FY 2024	Operating Budget-Human Resources-Contracted Services-\$37,800.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT		
BICO Collaborative	Tuition for students with special needs	Operating Budget-Special Education-Tuition-\$64,030.89

12. Committee of the Whole

Subject	12.1 Vote to Approve: Election of Vice-Chairperson of the Fall River School Committee. (Policy BDA: Nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson will be made from the floor. The Vice-Chairperson will be elected by a majority roll-call vote of the members present and voting.)
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Category	12. Committee of the Whole
Access	Public
Type	Action, Procedural
Subject	12.2 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Second Read of the Budget Priorities FY2025, as presented by Maria Pontes, Superintendent of Schools.
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	12. Committee of the Whole
Access	Public
Type	Action, Discussion
Subject	12.3 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Program of Studies/Course Catalog at Durfee High School, as referred by the Instructional Subcommittee and presented by Matthew Desmarais, Principal of Durfee High School.
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Category	12. Committee of the Whole
Access	Public
Type	Action, Discussion
Subject	12.4 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The Carnegie Learning-Math Academy contract, as referred by the Instructional Subcommittee and presented by Sheryl Patterson, Director of Mathematics and Dr. Tracy Curley, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer.
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Category	12. Committee of the Whole
Access	Public
Type	Action, Discussion
Subject	12.5 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The iDecide: Drug Education Curriculum: Intervention, Diversion, and Empowerment, as referred by the Instructional Subcommittee and presented by Dr. Aimee Bronhard, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Strategic Integration.
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Category	12. Committee of the Whole
Access	Public

Type Action, Discussion

Subject 12.6 Discussion and Update: The Plan for the Old Durfee Auditorium, as presented by Mayor Paul Coogan.

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Category 12. Committee of the Whole

Access Public

Type Discussion, Information

Subject 12.7 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Second Quarter Transfer, as presented by Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer.

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Category 12. Committee of the Whole

Access Public

Type Discussion, Procedural

Subject 12.8 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The Second Quarter Revolving Fund, as presented by Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer.

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Category 12. Committee of the Whole

Access Public

Type Action, Discussion

Subject 12.9 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Year to Date Budget Update, as presented by Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer.

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Category 12. Committee of the Whole

Access Public

Type Action, Discussion

13. Informational

Subject 13.1 Subcommittee Assignments 2024

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Category 13. Informational

Access Public

Type Information, Procedural

14. For Your Information

Subject 14.1 Retirements

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Category 14. For Your Information

Access Public

Type Action,Information

Name	Position	Effective
Elizabeth DeCoste	Teacher, Letourneau Elementary School	07/06/2024
Melissa Fogarty	Vice Principal, Spencer Borden Elementary School	09/06/2024
Patricia Paragon	Clerk, District	02/02/2024

Subject 14.2 Resignations

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Name	Position	Effective
Nuria Gatus Badenes	Teacher, Viveiros Elementary School	01/02/2024
Cassidy Carreiro	Paraprofessional, Greene Elementary School	12/11/2023
Melissa DiMicco	Behavioral Therapist, Henry Lord Community School	01/01/2024
Allison Flaherty	Teacher, Robert L. Medeiros Resiliency Preparatory Academy	12/08/2023
John Lebreux	Paraprofessional, Viveiros Elementary School	12/22/2023
Sara Levesque	Community Facilitator, Durfee High School	12/08/2023
Kristy Okerholm	Teacher, Morton Middle School	12/21/2023
Nicole Pelletier	Teacher, Robert L. Medeiros Resiliency Preparatory Academy	12/22/2023
Bobbie Ann Perry	PreK-Paraprofessional Classroom, Fall River Learning Center	01/12/2024
Brian Raposa	Vice Principal, Robert L. Medeiros Resiliency Preparatory Academy	12/12/2023
Savyra Say	Teacher, Morton Middle School	01/12/2024
Joanna Vasquez	Teacher, Morton Middle School	12/22/2023
Lannie Wrightington	Teacher, Fonseca Elementary School	01/05/2024

Subject 14.3 Appointments

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Access Public

Type Action,Discussion

Name/Address	Position	Effective	Salary/Certification
Bessy Alvarez 52 Pitman Street Fall River, MA 02723	Part Time Utility/Janitorial Worker, District	01/02/2024	\$20.22 hourly
Preston Araujo 15 Sunnyfield Drive Westport, MA 02790	5th Grade Teacher, Viveiros Elementary School	01/02/2024	\$48,089 per annum Bachelor's Degree, Step 1
Kayleigh Cabral 75 Chicago Street, Apt. 3 Fall River, MA 02721	Paraprofessional, PreK Classroom, Fall River Learning Center	01/16/2024	\$19.92 hourly Step 1, Credits 88
Jessica Cyr 634 Second Street, Apt. 1 Fall River, MA 02721	Paraprofessional, Special Education, Self Contain Classroom, Henry Lord Community School	12/20/2023	\$21.19 hourly Associate's Degree, Step 6
Stacey Denomme 221 Hilton Street Tiverton, RI 02878	ESL Teacher, Robert L. Medeiros Resiliency Preparatory Academy	12/06/2023	\$80,900 per annum Master's Degree, Step 11 License: English as a Second Language (5- 12)
Joshua Furtado 988 Globe Street Fall River, MA 02724	Plumber, District	12/18/2023	\$2,629.54 bi-weekly
Shannon Levesque 83 Weeks Lane Edgartown, MA 02539	Paraprofessional, Special Education, Self Contain Classroom, Henry Lord Community School	12/18/2023	\$19.92 hourly Step 1, Credits 76.5
Jerry Medeiros 199 Anthony Street Fall River, MA 02721	Electrician, District	11/27/2023	\$2,629.54 bi-weekly
Gregory Otero 509 Tremont Street Rehoboth, MA 02769	Special Education Teacher, Henry Lord Community School	01/02/2024	\$70,672 per annum Master's Degree, Step 8 License: Moderate Disabilities (PreK-8)
Tracey Pedersen 8 Chase Road Portsmouth, RI 02871	PreK Teacher, Fonseca Elementary School	01/08/2024	\$80,900 per annum Master's Degree, Step 11 License: Early Childhood, PreK-2

Jonathan Ponte 82 Elmer Street Fall River, MA 02720	Paraprofessional, Classroom, Durfee High School	01/02/2024	\$19.92 hourly Step 1
Juan Rabelo 4 Canonicus Street, Apt. 1E Fall River, MA 02723	Utility Worker, Kuss Middle School	12/13/2023	\$1,666.18 bi-weekly
Ashley Rivera- Roldan 43 Maple Gardens, Apt. B Fall River, MA 02721	Paraprofessional, Special Education, Self Contain Classroom, Greene Elementary School	01/08/2024	\$19.92 hourly Step 1
Crystal Santsaver 497 Penn Street Fall River, MA 02724	PreK Teacher, Silvia Elementary School	01/03/2024	\$67,229 per annum Bachelor's Degree, Step 8
Jullana Trifiro 85 Dean Street South Easton, MA 02375	Kindergarten Teacher, Fonseca Elementary School	12/18/2023	\$48,089 per annum Bachelor's Degree, Step 1
Corey Viveiros 145 William Street Fall River, MA 02721	Electrician, District	12/23/2023	\$2,629.54 bi-weekly
Mark Wilson 72 Plain Street Fall River, MA 02723	Security Officer, District	12/07/2023	\$1,505.34 bi-weekly Level 2

Subject 14.4 Death Notices

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Category 14. For Your Information

Access Public

Type Action, Discussion

Name	Position	Date of Death
Edward F. Kelly	Former Teacher, Durfee High School	12/15/2023
Walter Mikolazyk	Former Teacher, Fall River Public Schools	12/28/2023
Everett Smith	Former Principal/Teacher, Fall River Public Schools	12/15/2023
Delphina Souza	Former Teacher, Fall River Public Schools	12/17/2023
Marie Natalie Tamborella	Former Cafeteria Worker, Fall River Public Schools	12/19/2023

15. New Business

Subject	15.1 New Business
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	15. New Business
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Topics for discussion that could not reasonably be anticipated by the Chairman forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

16. Request for Executive Session

Subject	16.1 Request for Executive Session
Meeting	Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Category	16. Request for Executive Session
Access	Public
Type	Action

- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7): To review and approve the Executive Session Minutes for December 11, 2023, Regular School Committee Meeting.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to litigation including the civil action regarding Taryn Camara v City of Fall River et al. United States District Court, District of Massachusetts Docket No. 1:21 CV 10117-WGY as the Chair has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining agreement, including hearing grievances relative to ALL professional teaching employees of the Fall River School System including coaches, Title I, teachers, nurses, occupational and physical therapists, and specialists in the teaching profession represented by the Fall River Educator's Association.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL Administrators and Employees represented by the Fall River Administrator's Association.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL cafeteria employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL maintenance employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL custodial employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL safety/security employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL civil clerical employees of the Fall River School System represented by the Fall River Department of Civil Service Clerical Employees Association.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL paraprofessionals employees of the Fall River School System represented by the Fall River Federation of Paraprofessionals.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3)" To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL government employees, including without limitation paraprofessionals, parent workers, and clerks, of the Fall River School System that are paid from Federal/State Grants and represented by the Fall River Public Schools Government Programs.
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- M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, section 21 (a)(2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and/or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, including Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer.

Subject **16.2 Reconvene from Executive Session**

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Category **16. Request for Executive Session**

Access **Public**

Type **Action, Procedural**

17. Adjourn

Subject **17.1 Adjourn**

Meeting **Jan 8, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALL RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Category **17. Adjourn**

Access **Public**

Type **Action, Procedural**