

Farmington River Regional School District

Farmington River Elementary School

Agenda #424

Farmington River Elementary School Library

Monday October 3, 2022, 7:00PM

Masks Optional

Call in number to listen only, community participation requires being in person.

Phone number - 605-313-5711

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1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Acceptance of Minutes:**
 - June 13, 2022-Regular Meeting
 - August 1, 2022-Regular Meeting
 - August 9, 2022-Executive Session
 - August 30, 2022-Executive Session
 - September 2, 2022-Special Meeting
 - September 12, 2022-Regular Meeting
4. **Superintendent's Report**
 - Good News Item(s)
 - 2022 MCAS and Accountability Results
 - Updates:
 - COVID-19 Testing/Emerging Trends/Practices
 - Principal Search Update
 - Bussing Update
5. **Superintendent Salary:**
 - The School Committee sets compensation for the superintendent. The committee will vote on compensation for the Interim superintendent.
6. **Principal Salary Range:**
 - The School Committee sets compensation limits for principals. The committee will vote on a salary range for the new principal position.
7. **Financial Report**
 - The committee will vote on raising the price on breakfast and lunch for both students and teachers.
 - Teacher Breakfast currently \$1.60. State recommendation is \$2.56 plus tax
 - Teacher Lunch currently \$3.55. State recommendation is \$4.63 plus tax
 - Student Breakfast \$2.80. State recommends \$3.31. We usually increase by \$0.05/year.
 - Student Lunch \$1.60
 - FY22 Budget Update
 - FY23 Budget Update

8. Personnel Report

Jerilyn Beauregard has been hired on a temporary basis to serve as front office secretary while the search for a permanent replacement is conducted.

9. Request to Bargain Letter from Farmington River Regional District Teachers Association

The school committee will appoint a negotiating committee.

10. Response to Questions Raised by Public at September 12, 2022 School Committee Meeting

11. Other items for discussion not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before the meeting

12. Executive Session:

- Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiation with nonunion personnel, and to reconvene in Open Session.

13. Motion to Adjourn

I am writing, as there was no additional opportunity for public comment at the end of tonight's meeting. My comment is from a personal perspective, but is informed by my role as president of the FRRSD PTA.

It was suggested tonight that Mr. Putnam should rush his timeline for the principal job posting. One reason given was that it is unnecessary to gather input on the qualifications, as the provided roles and responsibilities covered the requisite information. This would be a grave disservice to the school and our communities.

I am sure that, as a body, you are aware of the feelings of disillusionment, betrayal and deep hurt many families and staff are grappling with. Parents feel that their voices haven't been heard, and that they have been failed by the system in which our school committee and school operate.

Asking families what they need in a principal is a critical opportunity to begin to heal the community. Allowing us to be a part of this process from the beginning will help people feel that their voices matter, which is a sentiment that has sadly been missing. Even if you have no care for the answers, asking the question matters.