

# Farmington River Regional School District

## School Committee

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**Meeting #464**

Farmington River Elementary School, Gymnasium

Monday, March 3rd, 2025

MINUTES

5:00 PM

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**Members Present:** Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett, Stacey Schultze

**Also Present:** Timothy Lee

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Carl Nett
  - a. **Roll Call:** Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett, Stacey Schultze
  - b. The meeting was recorded for archival purposes.
2. **Public Comment:**
  - a. None.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes:**
  - *Special Joint Meeting from January 28th, 2025*
  - *Regular Meeting 462 of February 3, 2025*
  - *Special Meeting Public Information Session of February 10.*
  - a. **MOTION:** Phil Magovern made a motion to accept the minutes from Meetings #461, #462 and #463.
    - i. Deb Fogel seconded the motion.
    - ii. There was no discussion.
    - iii. **VOTE to accept:** Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Denise Hardie, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett, and Stacey Schultze were in favor. The motion passed unanimously to accept the minutes from Meetings #461, #462 and #463.
4. **Superintendent's Report:**
  - a. Tim Lee gave an update on the sale of Van 4. A bid has been accepted on the vehicle. Admin was awaiting payment.
  - b. Superintendent Lee sought approval of the 2025-2026 school year calendar.
  - c. **MOTION:** Stacey Schultze made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar.
    - i. Deb Fogel seconded the motion.
    - ii. There was no discussion.
    - iii. **VOTE to accept:** Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett, and Stacey Schultze were in favor. Denise Hardie was not present and therefore did not vote. The motion passed unanimously to accept 2025-2026 School Calendar
  - d. FY26 Budget: Carol Sauerhoefer presented on the proposed FY26 budget.

***During the presentation the Zoom feed was interrupted by an unwanted participant who briefly displayed pornographic content to Zoom viewers. The Zoom meeting was shut down and Carol continued her presentation via cell phone with the presentation continuing visually for in-person attendees only.***

- i. Superintendent Lee requested school committee approve that this presented version of the proceed to public hearing. C. Nett clarified that the Committee was not being asked to “approve a final budget” per se, but that they allow the process to continue using the versions (under new and current RDA) to proceed to public hearing. Committee acknowledged unanimously.
- ii. Next steps of the budget were discussed.
  1. Public Hearing date was set at March 31st, 2025 at 6:00 pm
  2. The vote to approve budget, after considering public input, will take place on April 7th, 2025.

**5. Subcommittees Reports:**

- a. Finance: No report
- b. Facilities: No report
- c. Policy:
  - i. DBD Budget Planning:
  - ii. MOTION: Deb Fogel made a motion to approve Policy DBD.
    1. Phil Magovern seconded the motion.
    2. There was no discussion.
    3. VOTE to accept: Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett, and Stacey Schultze were in favor. Denise Hardie was not present and therefore did not vote. The motion passed unanimously to accept Policy DBD
  - iii. JLCD Administering of Medication to Students, 1st read, no discussion
- d. Superintendent Evaluation: No report

**5. Regional District Agreement**

- a. Feedback/observations from Public Information Sessions: The committee generally related the attendance and effectiveness of the sessions to be good. Comments by two members suggested retaining background information and more in-depth definition of terms in future meetings and communications.
- b. Update on RDA Status: Sandisfield members reported the outcome of the STM to be well attended with the RDA passing unanimously. Otis Special Town Meeting date identified as March 25, 2025.
- c. Work session: public information planning: This item was tabled due to the information session being scheduled to follow the regular meeting.

**6. Future Agenda Items:**

1. Nothing at this time.

**7. Other Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting:**

1. Nothing at this time.

**8. Adjournment:**

1. Carl Nett made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 PM.
2. Stacey Schultze seconded the motion.
3. Vote - Roll Call: Melissa Bye, Deb Fogel, Phil Magovern, Douglas Miner, Carl Nett, Stacey Schultze

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Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy Lee