

**Franklin School Committee
Minutes
July 19, 2016
Municipal Building – Council Chambers**

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Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Dr. O'Malley

Dr. O'Malley read the District's Vision Statement.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Attendance: Mrs. Bilello, Mrs. Scofield, Dr. Bergen, Mrs. Douglas, Dr. O'Malley, Mrs. Schultz,, Dr. Jewell were present. Also present were Dr. Maureen Sabolinski, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Peter Light, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator; Joyce Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- **Citizen's Comments:** None
- **Review of Agenda:** None
- **Minutes:** I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 28, 2016 meeting, June 14, 2016 Executive Session Minutes and June 28, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.
Ms. Scofield noted that her name was spelled incorrectly on the June 28, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.
Dr. Sabolinski advised that it was duly noted and it will be corrected before submitted to Town Clerk.
Motion: Ms. Douglas
Approve: 7
Second: Dr. Jewell
Oppose: 0

- **Payment of Bills** – Dr. O’Malley reviewed the bills and found them to be in order.
- **Payroll** - Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll and found it to be in order.
- **Correspondence:** None

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Contract Signing for:

1. Cafeteria Workers
2. Secretaries
3. Van Drivers

Dr. Sabolinski introduced Donna Grady, FEA President to introduce the team she brought with her for the Contracts to be signed tonight.

Mr. Chandler Creedon advised the Committee that he worked as the negotiator for the Secretaries, Cafeteria and Van Driver unions. He noted that they used their problem solving technique and thought that they have come up with pretty good contracts for everybody.

Dr. O’Malley added that he thought the negotiations went smoothly and there was good willingness on both sides to have a fair document. Dr. O’Malley noted that the School Committee is prepared to sign the Contracts as noted above.

Dr. Sabolinski suggested that the Committee start with signing the Cafeteria contract first and asked if anyone who was on the Cafeteria Committee would like to make a comment.

Ms. Douglas and Dr. O’Malley advised that they were on the Committee and they thought it was positive and it went well and very quick.

Dr. Sabolinski advised that they are excited about the Cafe program where we have a new Contract and a new Director. She feels that the District is at a crossroads with the Food Service Program and it is going to continue to grow and meet the needs of students.

Dr. O’Malley noted that there was an impressive group of ladies on the Committee and notes that he was pleased to have met them and get the contract done.

Rachelle Molloy, Lillian Arce Buckley and Tracy Fox-Rominelli (Cafeteria workers)
Donna Grady, Gretchen Carr,

Ms. Grady, Ms. Carr and Mr. Creedon as well as the School Committee members also signed the Secretaries Contract and the Van Driver's Contract.

b. School Lunch Prices - Miriam Goodman

Ms. Goodman advised the Committee that the Healthy Hunger Free Act has a provision in it that those districts that participate in the national School Lunch Program, Franklin being one of them, we are required to provide the same level of support to our students who are not eligible for free, reduced lunches as the government provides in a subsidy to students eligible for free and reduced lunches. We go through a complex formula each year to see where our lunch prices fall in terms of an average price for a lunch and how that compares to what the government says we should be charging for lunches. Ms. Goodman was happy to report that we do not need to raise lunch prices according to the formula because we are currently charging \$3.00 at the middle and high school level and \$2.50 at the elementary level. The requirement that we need to meet is \$2.78. We squeak by this year of an average of \$2.79 per lunch. When we take the number of meals we serve at each one of those prices, we are not required to increase lunch prices this year.

Dr. Sabolinski noted that we have had to raise prices the last 3 years, so this is a nice reprieve.

Dr. O'Malley commented that he is not one that favors raising lunch prices, however, we are stuck with government regulations. He noted that Ms. Goodman does a great job overseeing the lunch program.

3. Discussion Only Items:

Appointments to Collaborative's Boards

Dr. Sabolinski advised that the Franklin Public Schools are affiliated with two (2) Collaboratives, the Bi-County Collaborative which is housed next door under the dental building and the Accept Collaborative which is probably where we are the Southern most town all the way up to Needham/Natick. Through our participation in those Collaboratives we run Special Education programs, professional development, some transportation and as part of our membership in those Collaboratives, Special Education Directors comprise the Operating Board for both of those Collaboratives and the Superintendents are the oversight for the boards, they set the budget and tuition rates. Dr.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- d. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$646.62 from Lifetouch for in-house enrichment at ECDC.

Motion: Ms. Douglas

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- e. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500.00 from Davis Thayer PCC for supplemental supplies.

Motion: Ms. Douglas

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

5. Information Matters:

- **Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Sabolinski advised the Committee that it has been a quiet month. We are continuing to hire new staff. We are almost done and hope to be fully staffed by August 1st.

Dr. Sabolinski announced that the S.A.F.E. coalition is sponsoring a fundraiser, a golf tournament at the Franklin Country Club on August 22nd if anyone is interested. The funds will go to support the S.A.F.E. Coalition in Franklin.

Dr. Sabolinski advised that the YMCA and Dean College are sponsoring a transition to college series of workshops on August 9th and 16th. We are going to be hosting them at Franklin high School and they are geared towards families who have seniors that are going off to college. Dr. Sabolinski asked for Dr. Bergen's input on this creative partnership.

Dr. Bergen advised that the Committee have been talking to the High School Counselors and realized that a lot of seniors, when getting ready to leave for College, sometimes have anxiety and nervousness that takes over and what we are finding out from Dean and other colleges is that some kids do not survive the first weekend or the first few months. Dr. Bergen explained that with these two workshops there is a section for parents and a section for students to give some tips, give support, let them know all the resources that are available and most importantly to let them know that they are not alone.

Dr. Sabolinski advised that the YMCA, the Elks and Franklin Public Schools are joining forces for a backpack drive. We are looking to put backpacks and school supplies in the hands of students who may not have the means to purchase new school supplies and materials. Anyone wanting to donate any school supplies or backpacks can drop them off at the Municipal Building, the Elks Club, the YMCA or at Remington/Jefferson School.

6. School Committee - Sub-Committee Reports

- **Budget Sub-Committee** - None
- **Policy Sub Committee** - None
- **Community Relations** - None
- **Chapter 70 resolution** - None
- **Calendar Committee** - None
- **School Committee Liaison Reports** - None

7. New Business: None

8. Executive Session: Ms. Douglas made a motion to enter Executive Session, not to return to open session. Seconded by Dr. Jewell.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Bilello - Yes, Ms. Scofield - Yes, Dr. Bergen - Yes, Ms. Douglas - Yes, Dr. O'Malley - Yes, Ms. Schultz - Yes, Dr. Jewell - Yes.

8. Adjourn: Ms. Douglas made a motion move to adjourn, second by Ms. Scofield.

7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Childers

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