

**Franklin School Committee
Minutes
September 8, 2015
Municipal Building – Council Chambers**

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Call to order: 7:01 p.m.

Mrs. Mullen

Mrs. Mullen read the District's Vision Statement.

Pledge of Allegiance: Kate Roberge and Anna Anderson, 5th grade students from Mrs. Lyons' class at Parmenter Elementary School led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan and Dr. Jewell were present, Julie Harrington and Alana Lynch (Student Representatives). Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, Joyce Edwards, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Pandora Carlucci, Executive Director of Lifelong Learning, Pattie Gay, Director of Lifelong Learning, Thomas Morris, Principal, Parmenter Elementary School

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
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- Review of Agenda: None
- Minutes: I recommend approval of the minutes from the August 25, 2015 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 7
Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Oppose: 0
- Payment of Bills: Mr. Clement made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$388,206.23. Seconded by Roberta Trahan.
Approve: 7
Oppose: 0
- Payroll: Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.

- FHS Student Representatives: Julie Harrington, Student Body President. Julie is a member of the Cross Country team at Franklin High School. She is involved in community services, is a member of the National Honor Society and teaches CCD.

Alana Lynch, President of 2016 Senior Class. Alana is a peer leader/mentor, a member of the National Honor Society, plays Volleyball, spring track and participates in the musicals at Franklin High School.

- Correspondence: None

2. Guests/Presentations:

A. Dr. Carlucci was pleased to present to the Committee several Directors of the Lifelong Learning summer programs. Dr. Carlucci thanked the school committee along with school Administration for all their support and leadership. With this support and leadership the Lifelong Learning Summer programs enrolled 2,500 students in 7 or 8 weeks of several different offerings.

Ms. Schoen, K-12 Music Director advised that this year there were 39 students who participated in the Summer Music Program as well as mentors. Ms. Schoen advised that it was great to be able to hold the music program at the High School this year. There was a concert and a pizza party on the last day of the 2 week program for the families of the music program participants. There were 75 international students who also attended.

Ms. Hogan, K-12 Art Director and Director of the Franklin Arts Academy summer program advised the Committee of the 4 courses that were offered this summer. There were 3 courses offered at the Middle School level, one course offered at the High School Level. There were 50 students who participated in the program. The Art summer program was held for 2 weeks with a family reception held on the last day to showcase the students work. Ms. Hogan was happy to have been able to have this summer program coincide with the Cultural Festival in Franklin. The students were able to leave their work at the High School during the Cultural Festival and there was a large audience who came through the school to see the art work.

Ms. Butler advised the Committee of a Biotech Bootcamp that she ran during the summer for 2 weeks for 7 & 8th graders. Ms. Butler noted that 25 students participated. The students did work using case studies. The students actually used forensic science, it was not pretend science.

Ms. Reed, Director of Adult Education gave a brief overview of the fall programs offered by the Center for Adult Education. She advised that the fall brochures have been mailed. The walking program at the High School is of high interest and is pleased to announce that it starts again on September 15th. She also advised that 3 distinct pilot programs were offered this summer for the first time. Men's basketball, advanced co-ed Volleyball and private music lessons. There were 11 students that participated in the Private Music lessons, 88 people overall that participated in the 3 summer adult education programs.

Ms. Reed indicated this would not be possible without the School Committee's support. Ms. Reed indicated that there has been interest for a Country Line Dancing program which she will explore and hope to make it available this winter.

Ms. Cerce was pleased to share the highlights of the High School Experience. HSE is a week-long event held in August at the High School for incoming freshman. This is the 8th summer the program has been offered. There were 305 freshmen who participated, 25 faculty members, 18 student team leaders and 85 peer leaders. Ms. Hess talked about the Project Adventure part of the HSE where the students participated in team building challenges. Ms. Fanuele, Assistant Director of HSE noted that there also curriculum sessions held during the week. It was noted that the enthusiasm was contagious all week and this freshman class is inventive and creative.

Ms. Mullen was pleased to hear the presentation this year after last year's presentation. She noted that one of the biggest challenges last year was not having the high school available to you to use. What a great showcase for the school and opportunity for the kids ahead of time.

Ms. Sabolinski advised that it was an amazing week! Ms. Sabolinski commended the STAR team in technology, you would have thought there was a branch of the Apple store giving out chromebooks; it was an amazing process and so much easier than last year. Ms. Sabolinski noted that there was a lot of positive feedback from parents.

Ms. Gay, Director of Lifelong Learning advised the committee of the fun summer events that were held at the Solutions program. A fan favorite was Waterslide Wednesday. The children thought the snowy bus was the best day ever!

Mr. Chaffee advised the Committee about the fun that was had during Math Academy which is held for 2 weeks during the summer for students. The program has grown from 35 campers to 65 campers in grades K-8. He advised that all teachers had names that referred to Math, as it is camp! Mr. Chaffee's name was "Archimedes"!

Mr. Diamand, Director of the STAR Program which stands for Students, Teachers and Enrichment and is for students entering Kindergarten to Grade 6. This is the 12th summer for the STAR program. Several different classes are offered, i.e. Ultimate Chef where the children cook meals, and at the same time do not realize that they are learning math, etc.

Ms. Mullen thanked everyone for their enthusiasm.

Dr. O'Malley pays tribute to all the teachers for the work they are doing, however, feels these activities should be in the schools every day; that the school days should be longer for the students to continue learning beyond the strict structure of the classroom. These types of activities belong in the classrooms everyday not just summers. Understands how difficult it is. Dr. O'Malley notes there are big discussions now about retrofitting schools, needing air conditioning in the schools. He would like to see that money go

Dr. Jewell admits that this is his most favorite time of the year due to the excitement. Dr. Jewell loves to hearing all that Dr. Jewell is disappointed that there are not more students participating.

Ms. Sabolinski, Ms. Winslow and Ms. Edwards took the opportunity to briefly outline the District Improvement Plan. The goal of the District Improvement Plan is to increase complexity and rigor for all students within Franklin Public Schools. The Sub goals include (1) Instructional Leadership, (2) Teaching All Students, (3) Community Engagement and (4) Professional Culture.

Ms. Sabolinski feels this is a journey that will be taken together.

3. Discussion Only Items:

4. Action Items:

- ## 5. Information Matters:

- Ms. Sabolinski was pleased to report that it was a great week last week for the opening of school. Feels it may have been one of the best openings of all times. We even had a

dancing Principal at Remington Middle School. Ms. Sabolinski read an email from a parent in Florida who saw Mr. Wildeman's dance on the first day of school.

Ms. Sabolinski reported that the incident with Davis Thayer students was handled quickly and safely. Ms. Sabolinski thanks Dean College's Mr. Rooney's for the fast communication. This could have been a scary situation for the students of Davis Thayer but actually turned into a fun adventure for the students as they were walked to Dean College with their lunch boxes. There were several communications that went out to parents letting know everyone was safe. There will be a formal de-briefing with the Police and Fire Departments.

The heat was not a big impact. The athletic teams were advised to reschedule if needed. The Hockomock league was also rescheduling where needed.

All in all a good start.

Ms. Sabolinski advised the Committee that interviews for the Horace Mann Principal will begin this week on the 10th and 15th. We hope to have a decision by the end of September.

Ms. Sabolinski also advised that Franklin will participate in "Think Taylors Concussion Awareness Week". This is co-sponsored with Fox 25 from September 21st to 25th to raise concussion awareness to parents and students. We are policy leaders in this field and have worked collaborately with our School Physician and Nurses. We have made sure that we have all safety equipment, helmets, etc. Concussions are the new public health crisis. More information will be forthcoming. All of MIAA teams will participate.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: None
- School Committee Liaison Reports: None

6. New Business:

Vice Chairman Roberta Trahan reminded the public about the Harlem Wizard's Game to support the FEF on November 13, 2015. Mrs. Trahan notes that this is a major fundraiser for the FEF.

7. Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mullen made a motion to adjourn.

Second by Mrs. Trahan

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Childers

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