

# Franklin School Committee Minutes

April 28, 2015

## Municipal Building – Council Chambers

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Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mullen

Mrs. Mullen read the Districts Vision Statement. The Vision Statement reads the Franklin Public Schools will foster within its students the knowledge and skills to find and achieve satisfaction in life as productive global citizens.

Pledge of Allegiance:

An 8<sup>th</sup> grader from the Remington Middle School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan and Mr. Jewell were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mrs. Rohrbach and FHS representatives Conor Lemanowicz and Justin Bates were not in attendance.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: An additional Action Item will be added to the Agenda.
- Minutes:  
I recommend approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2015 School Committee Meeting.  
Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approve: 6

Second: Mr. Jewell

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent

Mr. Clement: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mr. Jewell: Yes

- Payment of Bills:

Motion: Mr. Clement

Mr. Clement

Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes  
Mr. O'Malley: Yes  
Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent  
Mr. Clement: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes  
Mrs. Trahan: Yes  
Mr. Jewel: Yes

- Payroll:  
Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.
- FHS Student Representatives: The FHS Student Representatives were not in attendance at this evening's meeting.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

### a. FY16 Budget Hearing:

A motion was made to open up the FY2016 budget hearing.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Douglas

Approval: 6

Absent: 1

Mrs. Sabolinski thanked all those who assisted with the preparation of this budget. Mrs. Goodman stated that the proposed FY16 budget allocation is \$56,950,000 which is an increase of \$1,350,000 or 2.43% over the current year's budget. Contractual obligations and health care costs continue to be the main drivers of the budget with 76% of the budget going to salaries. On average, the State spends \$14,547 per pupil. In comparison, Franklin spends \$11,890 per pupil. It was noted that the District recommends hiring 5 new teachers – one at the high school, two at Annie Sullivan Middle School and two at Remington Middle school as a means to reduce class sizes. Mrs. Sabolinski added that these positions are essential for instructional purposes. Mrs. Goodman noted that they are looking to reduce 5 classroom teachers at the elementary level. They are also looking to add 3 full time math specialists as well as an English Language Learning Specialists, split part-time between the high school and elementary school. Overall, personnel changes amount to an increase of 4 full time employees. Mr. O'Malley noted he can't get his head around the fact that we can be so far below the State average in terms of our support for our children. He sees us doing the best we can with the money allocated. Mrs. Trahan added that part of the reason we can remain below State spending is due to our teachers and principals who give 100% of themselves. Mrs. Mullen stated that she will read each line item of the budget. If a member of the Committee has a question about a particular line item, they are asked to say "hold". At the end, questions will be answered. Mrs. Mullen read each line item. There were no "holds".

A motion was made to close the FY2016 budget hearing.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Douglas

Approval: 6

Absent: 1

There was a five-minute recess.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Accept Collaborative Agreement: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that a decision was made to expand the Collaborative to include the Towns of Wellesley and Needham, as each Town petitioned to join. Therefore, a change to the Agreement was necessary to add both towns to the Board of Directors of the Accept Collaborative. This revised Agreement is slated for approval under Action Items.
- Bi-County Collaborative Activities & Information: Mrs. Sabolinski noted the Committee can find the quarterly report from the Bi-County Collaborative in their packets.

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the revised Accept Collaborative Agreement as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mr. Jewell

Approval: 6

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Yes

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$4,307 from Davis Thayer PCC for Field Trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mr. Jewell

Approval: 6

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Yes

3. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip for music students to attend Canobie Lake Park on June 12, 2015.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 6

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent  
Mr. Clement: Yes

Mr. Jewel: Yes

## 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that three of our high school coaches: Coach Bosisis, Coach Spillane and Coach Geysen were all named Coach of the Year. She noted that she met with Synergy to discuss school safety. School safety will become a new standard and the District will partner with security firms to look at creative way to provide professional development to our teachers to develop their skills and understanding of school safety. She noted that on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:30 p.m., Peter Golden will speak at the Horace Mann Museum in honor of Horace Mann Day. Also on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Best Buddies Dodge Ball Tournament will be held at the Horace Mann Middle School. Thus far, 281 students have registered for Kindergarten. Lastly, she noted that Mr. Schlieffe, a teacher at the Horace Mann Middle School, was accepted into the 2015 Honeywell Green Boot Camp. He is one of 55 educators selected internationally to participate in this program.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: No new information discussed at this time.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

**6. New Business:** Mrs. Trahan thanked those who came out to support the Trivia Bee. She said it was a fun night with the middle school students who participated. The FEF will host the Harlem Wizards on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Roberta Trahan.

**7. Adjourn:** 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 4-28-15.pdf  
April 7, 2015 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf  
Payroll Warrant #1520 earnings.pdf  
Payroll Warrant #1520.pdf  
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off 2.pdf  
SCWarrant040215.pdf  
SCWarrant040915.pdf  
SCWarrant041615.pdf  
FY16 Budget Book.pdf  
ACCEPT Collaborative Agreement-Final 03-25-15.pdf  
BICO Activities & info March 2015.pdf  
ActionA.pdf  
ActionB.pdf  
April28-Pledge Student.pdf

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