

Franklin School Committee Minutes

April 7, 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:

A 7th grader from the Annie Sullivan Middle School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: Mr. Tony Gallo addressed the Committee. He chose that his child not take the PARCC test. He said he then received a letter signed by his child's principal which he felt was threatening and filled with misinformation. He wants to know who wrote the letter, as it appeared the principal was unaware of the letter's content. He also asked that the letter be removed from his child's record. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that amending files goes through the Superintendent's office and not through the School Committee. She will look into this matter.
- Review of Agenda: No additional items.
- Minutes:
I recommend approval of the minutes from the March 24, 2015 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

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

Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mr. Jewel: Yes

- **Payment of Bills:** Mr. Clement
Mr. Clement was not in attendance at this evening's meeting.
- **Payroll:**
Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.
- **FHS Student Representatives:** Conor noted that PARCC testing in math is ongoing. Spring sports are off to a great start. This Friday, Hollywood Nights will be performed in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Lastly, this Friday will be last day for seniors who will be participating in Senior Project.
- **Correspondence:** The Budget to Actual was noted.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- **ASMS Update:** Mr. Williams and Mrs. Morrison, 7th grade English teachers, as well as some students, provided a presentation to the Committee on "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton. Students were required to analyze the text (similar to what they need to do in PARCC) and then write a literary analysis. Students posted their work to Google Docs and were able to get instant feedback from teachers. Mrs. Sabolinski noted this is a great example of how education has changed over the years. Increased rigor, collaboration and written feedback is serving students well and preparing them for high school.

There was a five-minute recess.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- **BiCounty Collaborative Quarterly Report:** Mrs. Sabolinski noted the Collaborative is required to give us an update on their activities. This information will be posted to the District's website. She also noted she anticipates getting a copy of the audit soon.
- **Twitter/FPS News:** Our Twitter account went online this evening and tweets can be found on our website. Mrs. Sabolinski noted we will use Twitter as another means to communication information. She encourages community members to follow our Twitter account.
- **Safety Communication:** Mrs. Sabolinski noted we now have a text option through our Connect-Ed system to relay emergency information in addition to phone calls and emails. Text messages will only be used for urgent emergencies. She also noted we will work with the Town to implement the ping4 alert platform. This is

an app that can be downloaded to your phone for free. She will provide more information on this at a future meeting. Lastly, she noted we have met with a couple of vendors regarding security software. We will need to proceed cautiously with this as hard decisions will need to be made as a community regarding safety vs. privacy. She will provide more information on this at a future meeting.

- Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten registration will be held April 13th and 15th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Horace Mann Middle School. Mrs. Sabolinski noted the registration process has been streamlined to be more user friendly. Necessary paperwork can be found on the District’s website. She noted if you can’t make these dates, you can always come to the Superintendent’s office to sign up your child.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the request of Mr. Fortin for HMMS students to travel to Providence, RI for Save the Bay Programs as detailed on May 26, 27 & 28, 2015.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$6.86 from Schoola for in-house enrichment at JF Kennedy Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

3. I recommend acceptance of three checks totaling \$4,115 from the Franklin Music Boosters for district wide in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

4. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$1,695 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips and busing.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$50 from Steven Mollo for in-house enrichment at Remington Middle School.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$700 from Scholarship America for Supplemental Curriculum Materials at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,815.25 from the Jefferson PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

8. I recommend acceptance of the donation of 25 copies of the book "Finding the Worm" for 6th grade reading at Horace Mann Middle School.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

Mr. Clement: Absent

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: The Committee can find within their packet information from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents on the average tax rates of all municipalities in the Commonwealth. The School Climate Survey went out last week and links to the survey can be found on the website. Three of our high school students recently won the New England Student Emmy for their reporting and editing of a piece on the Rattle City Controversy. Mrs. Sabolinski noted this is remarkable to win an Emmy in such a short amount of time. She noted she will survey middle school students and high school students on extracurricular and athletic programs. She wants to make sure these programs reflect the needs and wants of our students. Lastly, she noted that a school climate survey will be sent out regarding holidays and days off.
- 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 reminded the Committee of the Trivia Bee that will be held tomorrow evening beginning at 6 p.m. at the Horace Mann Middle School. She asks the Community to come out and support the participants and the FEF.

7. Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 4-7-15.pdf

Budget2Actual.pdf

March 24, 2015SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1519 earnings.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1519.pdf

Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

SCWarrant031915.pdf

SCWarrant032615.pdf

The Outsiders-School Committee.pdf

BICO Quarterly Information for Superintendents.3.31.15.pdf

ActionA.pdf

ActionB.pdf

ActionC.pdf

ActionD.pdf

ActionE.pdf

ActionF.pdf

ActionG.pdf

ActionH.pdf

4-7-15Memo.pdf

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