

# Franklin School Committee

## Minutes

December 9, 2014

### 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:

Mrs. Mullen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, 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. The FHS student representatives were not in attendance.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

#### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: No additional items.
- Minutes:  
I recommend approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2014 School Committee Meeting.  
Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approve: 7

Mrs. Douglas: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes
Mr. O'Malley: Yes	Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes	Mr. Jewel: Yes
Mr. Clement: Yes	

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Clement  
Motion: Mr. Clement Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approve: 7

Mrs. Douglas: Yes  
Mr. O'Malley: Yes  
Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes  
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 student representatives were not in attendance.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

## **2. Guests/Presentations:**

- a. Best Buddies Grants: Art and Sue Streeter presented 22 grants totaling \$10,914 to the Annie Sullivan Middle School, Horace Mann Middle School, Remington Middle School and the High School chapters of the Best Buddies After School Clubs. These grants will help fund activities that extend friendships beyond the after school club. Grants were given to fund such events as an ice cream social, cooking lessons, movie and restaurant gift cards, as well as the Best Buddies prom. A number of fundraisers are held throughout the year to support this program and Mr. & Mrs. Streeter thanked the community for their continued support. If anyone is interested in making a donation, you can mail a check to: Friends of Best Buddies Franklin, 27 Dover Circle, Franklin, MA 02038. Mrs. Sabolinski added that Senator Spilka will attend the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss an initiative with Best Buddies International to try and start the first ever elementary school chapter at Keller.
- b. ELL at Franklin High School: Ms. Squires noted that the ELL population at the high school grew significantly this year, from one to thirteen students. These students speak little to no English and have significant gaps in their education which makes it difficult for them to complete their course of studies. To enable them to become successful, a new program has been developed at the high school called the ELL Plus One Pathway. In the first year, students will work on developing a foundation of English language academic vocabulary. The focus will not be on teaching content, but rather teaching the academic vocabulary they will need to be successful. In years 2-5, they will continue to develop English language academic vocabulary as well as access traditional high school curriculum with support from a certified sheltered English emersion content teacher.

Mr. Clement wondered if this program was successful, would they consider moving it down to the lower levels. Ms. Edwards noted they don't feel it necessary to incorporate into the K-8 environment. Mr. O'Malley inquired about the number of ELL staff at the high school. It was noted that there is only one at

the high school, four in the District. He commented that it is difficult to balance the needs of students and challenge them to be as good as they can be – he wishes them well.

- c. FHS Program of Studies: Next year, the high school will continue to provide a rich, engaging 21<sup>st</sup> century learning experience, while growing programs that were implemented this year, as well as adding a few new courses. Mr. Light and Ms. Squires discussed with the Committee the new courses proposed for this upcoming year. They will expand the health and human service courses as well as offer a full year forensic science course, to name a few. They also discussed how they will revise the wording to course level recommendations - opening up courses to all students allowing them to challenge themselves in higher level courses. This will allow for every student to take the most challenging series of courses they can take. Mr. O'Malley asked for clarification on open honors. Mr. Light noted that open honors will be a heterogeneously taught course of honors and college prep students. Students will learn the same content with differing amounts of scaffolding.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy JJFG – Disposition of Student Activity Accounts – Second Reading: There were no questions or comments on this policy. This is slated for approval as an Action Item.

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of Policy JJFG – Disposition of Student Activity Accounts as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

2. I recommend adoption of the FHS Program of Studies for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that Mrs. Carlucci is working on the final touches of the FHS Walking Club Program and will get information out to the community on the program over the next few weeks. The State wide initiative, Hour of Coding, will take place tomorrow – each of the schools will participate. Today, a heating coil blew in the girl's locker room at the high school. There was also water in the media center as well as in the entrance. The contractor was on site to help deal with these situations and everything will be covered by the warranty. Senators Ross and Spilka, as well as State Representative Roy will attend the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide legislative updates to the Committee.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: No new information discussed at this time.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mrs. Douglas noted she attended the JPCC meeting in early December. She commented that the JPCC is comprised of a very dedicated group of women. Mrs. Sabolinski added that they are a really great group.

**6. New Business:** Mrs. Trahan wanted to thank Pandora Carlucci and all the students who participated in the recent Franklin Downtown Partnership event for a job well done.

**7. Adjourn:** 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 12-9-14.pdf  
 Budget2Actual.pdf  
 November 18, 2014 SCMinutes-Draft.pdf  
 Payroll Warrant #1510 earnings.pdf  
 Payroll Warrant #1510.pdf  
 Payroll Warrant #1511 earnings.pdf  
 Payroll Warrant #1511.pdf  
 Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf  
 SCWarrant111314.pdf  
 SCWarrant112014.pdf  
 SCWarrant112614.pdf  
 Program of Studies Presentation 2015-2016.pdf  
 ProgramofStudies.pdf  
 JJFG - Disposition of Student Activity Accounts 11-14.pdf  
 ActionA.pdf  
 ActionB.pdf  
 12-9-14Memo.pdf  
 EnrollmentCompare-Nov 2013-Nov2014.pdf