

Franklin School Committee Minutes

February 24, 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:

Two 4th graders from the Kennedy School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell and FHS representatives Conor Lemanowicz and Justin Bates were present. Also present were Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Superintendent Sabolinski was 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 February 10, 2015 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
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

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

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: Justin updated the Committee on winter sports. Conor noted that the Mock Trial Team advanced to the State-wide Tournament. He also informed the Committee that the Boy's Hockey Team won tonight's game against Xaverian Brothers in overtime.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. PARCC Update: Ms. Edwards noted that they will apply to DESE to extend the testing window for PARCC due to the number of snow days we have had. This will allow us to five more days of instruction prior to the May and June testing. The revised testing schedule will be posted at the end of the week. She also noted that the District gained a lot of experience from last year's field testing of PARCC. A PARCC information night was held for parents recently. Parents were able to see and try sample PARCC questions. PARCC data from this year's testing won't be available until November. Going forward, if the State decides to use PARCC, she anticipates getting data sooner. Mr. O'Malley expressed his frustration with the lack of direction with PARCC; noting the wishy washy direction from the State does not give us as the Committee direction on how to lead our schools. Mrs. Winslow thanked Ms. Edwards for the leadership she has shown and support she has given to principals regarding PARCC.
- b. District Improvement Plan (DIP)/Goal Update: Ms. Edwards summarized the key points of the DIP for the Committee. Our progress is proficient in the four major standards, which means we are making the progress we set for ourselves. Mrs. Winslow noted she feels proud of the District Improvement Plans stating they are living, breathing documents that have meaning. She noted teacher smart goals are aligned with the DIP and she thanked everyone for their efforts for continuous improvement of our schools.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Professional Development Revolving Account: Mrs. Goodman noted that the high school is holding a modeling workshop in physics and chemistry. Other Districts will participate. The fee other District's will pay to participate will go into a revolving account. The creation of this revolving account is slated for approval under Action Items.

- Snow Day Make Up: Mrs. Winslow noted that as of today, the last day of school is scheduled for June 26th. That leaves us with two potential make-up days if we need them. She hopes that we don't incur any more snow days. However, she thinks it is important to prepare for the worst. By law, we are required to provide 180 days of school. Contractual bargaining agreements don't allow us to go past June 30th. A survey was sent out to all facility. They were given 14 potential make-up dates and asked to rank order their top 5 choices. This will be used as a way to get an idea from the majority of staff when they are available. She also noted they will look at virtual learning alternatives via cable TV as a means to make up snow days. On a side note, she stated she plans to send out a 2016/17 calendar survey to parents at a later date.
- Policy – Second Readings:
 - KCDA – Memorial Commemorations
 - KCD-E1 – Non-Budgeted Funds Donation Form
 - KCD-E2 – Guidelines for Donations of Gifts/Memorials Non-Budgeted Funds to the Franklin Public Schools

Mrs. Mullen noted that Policy KCDA was completed in the fall of 2013 and adopted in February of 2014. In October of 2014, the Committee met with a group of Citizens concerning this Policy. It was then the Committee realized they hadn't really listened to the Community. In November of 2014, the Committee made a motion to reexamine the Policy. A revised policy was presented at the last meeting. It is here tonight for a second read and is slated for adoption under Action Items. Mr. Clement noted he is opposed to the inequality in the current system and the risk that some will be forgotten. He states that as the Policy is set up now, there is no mechanism for insuring all lives are valued and all losses honored. That is what he considers wrong with the Policy and needs to be fixed. He will vote yes on this Policy, but will work to implement a way that every student can be remembered and every family has a chance to know that their lost loved one will be recognized as a part of the Franklin Community. Mrs. Rohrbach stated she is proud of the Sub-Committee members who worked on this Policy. She noted that they worked hard on the first pass of the Policy, and that the Policy came from a good spot in their hearts. She is proud that we as a Committee are able to reevaluate our decision. Our job is to listen to the community. She feels this revised Policy is a great compromise. Mr. O'Malley stated the School Committee needs to be responsive and listen to the people who elect us here, and to hear the voices of the people who are affected by what we do. He further stated, we have a Sub-Committee that continuously looks at Policies and if Policies need to be tweaked, they can be tweaked. Mrs. Trahan noted that Policies are guidelines and not law and Policies change. She is pleased with how hard we worked and stated we put together a fine compromise. Mr. Jewell stated that our responsibility is to listen to what people desire and come up with the best solution for this point in time. A member of the audience, Mrs. Peterson, asked to hear the revised Policy read aloud. Mrs. Mullen read the Policy to the audience.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval for the creation of a Professional Development Revolving Account as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Yes

2. I recommend approval of the budget transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Yes

3. I recommend approval of the request of Frank Fitzgerald to take RMS students to the Rock Spot Climbing Gym in Lincoln, RI on March 5, 2015 as detailed. This is a recurring trip.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Yes

4. I recommend adoption of the 2015-2016 School Calendar as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Yes

5. I recommend adoption of the following policies as discussed:

- KCDA – Memorial Commemorations

- KCD-E1 – Non-Budgeted Funds Donation Form

- KCD-E2 – Guidelines for Donations of Gifts/Memorials Non-Budgeted Funds to the Franklin Public Schools

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Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

6. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$3,300 for in-house enrichment at FHS (\$3,200 from Vicario Studios and \$100 from Christopher Blassick).

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Mrs. Douglas: Yes
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Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes
Mr. Clement: Yes

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

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Winslow updated the Committee on Mrs. Sabolinski. She slipped on the ice which resulted in an injury. She is likely to be out a few more weeks and appreciates all the well wishes. Over February vacation, Mrs. Winslow toured all the schools with the Building Inspector and Fire Prevention Officer. Schools look good and are complying with fire codes. Roofs are being monitored as a result of all the snow. A School Climate Survey will be sent out via e-mail to all parents on March 10th to get feedback on the academic program, quality of instruction, support services, leadership, parent engagement, communication, etc.
- 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 noted that the Trivia Bee will be held on April 8th from 6-9 p.m. at the Horace Mann Middle School. This year, Middle School students will participate from 6-7 p.m. followed by the traditional Bee from 7-9 p.m.

7. Executive Session: Personnel Update

8. Adjourn: 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 2-24-15.pdf
Budget2Actual.pdf
February 10, 2015 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1516 earnings.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1516.pdf
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf
SCWarrant012215.pdf
SCWarrant012915.pdf
SCWarrant020515.pdf
SCWarrant021215.pdf
1. District DIP Mid Year.pdf
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HMMS SIP Mid Year.pdf
Jefferson SIP Mid Year.pdf
Keller SIP Mid Year.pdf
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Oak Street SIP Mid Year.pdf
Parmenter SIP Mid Year.pdf
RMS SIP Mid Year.pdf
10Questions.pdf
PARCC parent night brochure final.pdf
HS PD Revolving.pdf
KCD-E1 Non-Budgeted Funds Donation Form-REV.pdf
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