

Franklin School Committee Minutes

January 13, 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 seniors from the High School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell and FHS representative Conor Lemanowicz were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. FHS representative Justin Bates 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 December 9, 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:
Motion: Mr. Clement
Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Approve: 7
Mr. Clement

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 high school is discussing the color of graduation robes. Student Government held an open forum and discussed five different options: each student can choose the color robe they want to wear, divide the colors alphabetically, divide the colors by row, the entire grade can vote on a color or alternate colors by every other person. If these options are approved, then a school wide vote will be held. Whichever option wins will become the new school policy.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. MASS Academic Excellence Awards: Two students, Madison Wendell and Haley Frank, were awarded the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Award for Excellence. These two students are in the top 1% of the graduating class of 2015.
- b. Trends in Special Education: Mrs. Fitzmaurice discussed with the Committee Special Education. 16% of our enrollment is identified as SPED – which is the state average. She discussed how they will continue to work on inclusion, co-teaching and transition planning. She also discussed how students are more involved in their own IEP planning and development. Mrs. Mulcahy, Vice-President of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), discussed with the Committee this parent run organization. More information can be found at franklinsepac.org. Mrs. Mulcahy also discussed the positive experience she has had with her son – noting how he is in a program designed for him and not his autism. One of our seniors, with the support of his fellow varsity hockey players and coaches, spoke to the Committee about himself and his experiences. Mr. O'Malley commented on how impressed he is with this young man, whom he has known for years, and how pleased he is to see how well he is doing in high school. Mrs. Rohrbach asked about the out of district tuition costs. Mrs. Fitzmaurice noted tuition costs are about \$5 million.
- c. Capital Plan: Mrs. Winslow noted that the Capital Budget funds big ticket items not appropriated in our annual budget. She discussed with the Committee our requests: new STEM labs at both Remington Middle School and Annie Sullivan Middle School since the current labs are outdated and not equipped to support the

frameworks; Chromebooks and carts for 5th and 8th graders District wide. This will prove valuable for online testing as well as the transition into high school where each student uses a Chromebook; a PA system at JFK (the current system is not fully functional) and new carpeting at Davis Thayer due to age and condition. Mrs. Fitzmaurice is also requesting a new SPED van. The Capital Plan is slated for approval under Action Items. Once the School Committee approves, the plan will be presented to the Capital Sub-Committee for approval, then the Finance Committee and finally the Town Council. Mrs. Sabolinski took this time to discuss some improvements that will occur over the summer. These improvements have already been budgeted for through our annual budget. Kennedy and Oak will have soundproofing installed, Parmenter will get new carpeting, Davis Thayer will undergo bathroom upgrades, painting and installation of a buzzer and video system at the back door and lastly, installation of speakers in the Remington Jefferson foyer and cafeteria.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy – Elimination (First Reading): Policy GCBA – Professional Staff Salary Schedules: Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Sabolinski noted that this is an antiquated policy and is recommended for elimination.
- BICO Collaborative Agreement: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that a member community that had been on the Charter for the BICO Collaborative decided to leave; therefore, the Agreement had to be reworked. The Committee will vote to approve the amended Agreement under Action Items.
- 2015-2016 School Calendar Draft: Mrs. Sabolinski discussed with the Committee the proposed 2015-2016 calendar. Since Labor Day falls late this year, it is recommended to begin school before Labor Day to ensure enough time to make up snow days. She also discussed the two additional half days at the high school due to the accreditation process. She noted that they will look into the possibility of having a vacation in March for the following school year instead of the typical February and April vacation. It was noted that they would like to give parents as much advance notice as possible if this were to occur. Lastly, she noted they will start to look at and discuss the possibility of pushing back the start times of school – as this would be a budget neutral change.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend moving Policy GCBA – Professional Staff Salary Schedules to a second reading for elimination 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 BICO Collaborative Agreement 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

3. I recommend acceptance of two checks from the Davis Thayer Elementary School totaling \$550:

- \$50 from Lueders Environmental, Inc.
- \$500 from BOKS, Reebok Foundation

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 acceptance of a check for \$2,260.26 from O'Connor Portraiture, Inc. for supplemental curriculum materials.

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 acceptance of a check for \$250 from the RMS PCC for field trips.

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

6. I recommend acceptance of six checks for FHS totaling \$3,914.67:

- \$175.29 from PBC
- \$459.38 from All American Publishing
- \$1,800 from Franklin Music Boosters

- \$250 from Maura Schaeffer Jobin
- \$243 from various parents
- \$987 from various parents

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

7. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$1,481.20 (\$1,186.20 & \$295) from Parmenter PCC for field trips.

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

8. I recommend acceptance of the donation of computer monitors from Sy Tech Inc. for the Technology Department (approximate value \$100).

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

9. I recommend approval of the Capital Plan 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

10. I recommend approval of the request of Brad Sidwell for the Boys Ice Hockey team to travel to Barnstable, MA on 2/18/15 – 2/19/15 for a Hockey Competition.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

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

Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mr. Jewel: Yes

11. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,300 from the Music Boosters for District-wide extra-curricular music.

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 the Foundation Budget Review Commission will hold a public hearing on January 24th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Nashoba Valley Regional High School. The Walking Program began at the high school on January 5th. The public is welcome to walk around the walking track each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The Budget Workshop will be held on January 24th and the January 27th School Committee meeting will be held at the high school.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: The Budget Sub-Committee met last week and discussed the Capital Budget as well as FY16. The Policy Sub-Committee met on January 10th and continues to review policies.
- 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. This year the theme will be movie trivia.

7. Executive Session: Personnel Update

8. Adjourn: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 1-13-15.pdf

Budget2Actual.pdf

December 9, 2014 SCMinuters-DRAFT.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1512 earnings.pdf

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Payroll Warrant #1513.pdf

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SCWarrant121814.pdf
SCWarrant122414.pdf
SCWarrant123114.pdf
1. Special Education Update SC1.13.15.pdf
2. Capital.pdf
1. GCBA - Professional Staff Salary Schedules.pdf
2. BICO.Collaborative Agreement.12.14.pdf
3. 15-16 Calendar-DRAFT.pdf
Calendar of test dates.pdf
Time on Testing.pdf
ActionA.pdf
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