

# Franklin School Committee Minutes

June 23, 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:

Three 7<sup>th</sup> graders from the Remington Middle School 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.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: Chandler Creedon, who has served as President of the Franklin Education Foundation for the last 7 years, is stepping down from his position. He thanked the Committee and Administration for all the support they have provided him during his time as President.

- Review of Agenda: No additional items.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 9, 2015 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. Trahan  
 Approve: 7

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

- Payroll:  
 Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.
- FHS Student Representatives: The FHS student representatives are on summer recess.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

Maureen Barker, the School Committee Secretary, is stepping down from her role as secretary. She was presented with flowers and a plaque recognizing her contributions to the Committee.

**2. Guests/Presentations:**

- a. Remington Middle School Update: Mr. Peri, Mr. Wilderman, Ms. Goodwin, Ms. DeSimone as well as three students discussed with the Committee the new school store known as - the Dawg House. The store, which is run by students, teaches them the following skills: marketing, advertising, supply and demand, communication as well as math. The store sells snacks, school supplies and apparel as well as student crafts. They have donated shirts to children in Africa as well as profits to Pennies for Patients.

There was a 5-minute recess.

- b. Jefferson Elementary Update: Mrs. Ashley took a moment to recognize Ms. Klim. She noted how she did an amazing job her first year as Assistant Principal. Mrs. Ashley and Ms. Klim presented to the Committee a video of all the learning that has gone on over the course of the school year. Mr. O'Malley stated he was impressed with all the parent volunteers he saw throughout the video. Mrs. Ashley agreed, and stated Jefferson families are very involved with the school.
- c. FHS Guidance Update: Ms. McVay, Mr. MacCreery and Ms. D'Amico discussed the guidance program. Guidance is now available in grades 6-12. Mrs. Sabolinski noted they are looking to expand guidance K-12. This year, guidance visited classrooms to discuss a number of topics. At the high school level – they developed guidance seminars and provided consistent information to all students regarding college and career readiness. During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, they worked with seniors to

discuss Naviance, standardized testing, the college application and financial aid process as well as provided an overview of the timeline for senior year. As a result of the seminars, seniors stated they felt less stress and more prepared to navigate the college application process. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter they met with freshman. They discussed their roles as guidance counselors as well as started to set four year goals with students. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter they met with juniors. They introduced juniors to college application terminology, discussed how to navigate college websites and discussed good fit colleges. Juniors stated they feel they now have a better understanding of what resources are available to them as they start the college search process. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, guidance met with sophomores. They set the tone for sophomores to start thinking about career choices and pathways. One benefit of these seminars, is that everyone in each grade, heard the same message. In doing so, when individual students meet with their counselors, a lot of their questions are already answered and they can spend their time focusing on more specific questions and concerns.

At the middle school level, they meet with 8<sup>th</sup> graders to discuss the transition into high school, including the social-emotional piece to help ease that transition. They discussed with them course scheduling, the program of studies and helped them further understand graduation requirements. Mr. O'Malley commented that guidance is the glue that makes schools go. He is impressed that we now have middle school counselors.

### **3. Discussion Only Items:**

- Policy – First Readings: Mrs. Winslow discussed with the Committee the policies listed below. The Policy Sub-Committee has been reviewing Policy KF for the past year. The opening of the new high school factored into the changes made to this policy and its five exhibits. Mrs. Rohrbach wondered if the signage alone was good enough to keep dogs off the fields. They discussed putting language into the rules and regulations saying the renter is responsible for keeping animals off the grounds. Mr. Jewell wondered about alcohol consumption on grounds. It was noted that it does say alcohol is not allowed in under rules and regulations. He wondered about ramifications. Mrs. Mullen stated that policy sets rules but does not set ramifications. Mrs. Winslow also discussed the new policy – Policy GCCD. She noted this policy came about in response to new legislation. It allows a victim of domestic violence or family member of a victim up to 15 days of unpaid leave should the need arise.
  - KF – Community Use of School Facilities
  - KF-E1 – Rules and Regulations
  - KF-E2 – FHS Building Use
  - KF-E3 – Facility Rental Fee Schedule
  - KF-E4 – FHS Facility Rental Fee Schedule
  - KF-E5 – FHS Grounds Rental Fees
  - (NEW) GCCD – Domestic Violence Leave Policy

### **4. Action Items:**

1. I recommend moving the following Policies to a second reading:

- KF – Community Use of School Facilities
- KF-E1 – Rules and Regulations
- KF-E2 – FHS Building Use
- KF-E3 – Facility Rental Fee Schedule
- KF-E4 – FHS Facility Rental Fee Schedule
- KF-E5 – FHS Grounds Rental Fees
- (NEW) GCCD – Domestic Violence Leave Policy

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

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 acceptance of two checks totaling \$589.71 for FHS as follows:

- \$189.71 from Ahold Financial Svc. for a Gift Account
- \$400 for the John T. Ombelets/Elizabeth A. John Scholarship

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

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

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

3. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$2,370.16 for Keller Elementary School as follows:

- \$370.16 from O'Connor Portraiture, Inc. for In-house enrichment
- \$2,000 from IBM for supplemental curriculum materials

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

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

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

4. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a Maple Tree (value \$150-250) from the JF Kennedy PCC for playground shade at JF Kennedy Elementary School.

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. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$150 from the Parmenter PCC for a field trip.

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

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$25 from Target's Thanks a Billion Program for supplemental supplies at Davis Thayer Elementary School.

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 wanted to acknowledge Kristen Cerce, K-12 Director of PE, as she was named MIAA Health Educator of the Year. She noted that safety audits continue at the schools. A presentation on the findings will be given to the Committee after the summer. Davis Thayer modules will be taken down starting on Monday. She named the three new Assistant Principals for the high school – they are teachers from within the District: Mr. Williams, Ms. Redding and Ms. Webber. Lastly, she noted that the Substance Abuse Task Force will meet June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Anyone who wants to participate is welcome to attend. She also wished everyone a happy summer!
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy Sub-Committee continues to review the Policy manual. Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Budget Sub-Committee met and discussed the food service program as well as lunch prices.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

- 6. New Business:** Mrs. Trahan noted that the FEF will host the Harlem Wizards on November 13<sup>th</sup>. She also urged the community to continue to shop local during construction downtown.

There was a citizen in the audience who wished to make a comment. Mrs. Mullen noted that citizen comments happen at the beginning of the meeting. He was told that the next meeting is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>. He was also informed he could email the Committee with his comments.

- 7. Adjourn:** 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 6-23-15.pdf  
B2A.pdf  
June 9, 2015 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf  
Payroll Warrant #1525 earnings.pdf  
Payroll Warrant #1525.pdf  
Payroll Warrant #1525B earnings.pdf  
Payroll Warrant #1525B.pdf  
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf  
SCWarrant060415.pdf  
SCWarrant061115.pdf  
SCWarrant061815.pdf  
1. The Dawg House-SC RMS.pdf  
High School Curriculum Presentation (Guidance) (1).pdf  
Middle School Curriculum Presentation\_SC.pdf  
GCCD - Domestic Violence Leave Policy.pdf  
KF Community Use of School Facilities-6-16-15.pdf  
KF-E1 Rules & Regulations-6/16/15.pdf  
KF-E2 FHS Building Use-6-16-15.pdf  
KF-E3 Facility Rental Fee Schedule-6-16-15.pdf  
KF-E4 FHS Facility Rental Fee Schedule-6-16-15.pdf  
KF-E5 FHS Grounds Rental Fee Schedule-6-16-15.pdf  
OLD-KF Community Use of School Facilities.pdf  
ActionA.pdf  
ActionB.pdf  
ActionC.pdf  
ActionD.pdf  
ActionE.pdf  
ActionF.pdf  
Pledge Kids.pdf