

Franklin School Committee Minutes

June 9, 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 Horace Mann Middle School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, 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. Mr. Clement was not in attendance. The FHS representatives are on summer recess.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: There will be one Action Item added to this evening's Agenda.
- Minutes:
I recommend approval of the minutes from the May 26, 2015 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 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

- Payment of Bills:

Motion: Mrs. Mullen
Approve: 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

- 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: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Retirees: Mrs. Sabolinski, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Creedon and Mrs. Grady took this time to recognize this year's retirees who have given so much of their time to the Franklin Public Schools. They also recognized the assistant principals from the high school who are moving on to new positions next school year. Mrs. Sabolinski noted she is sad to see them go and notes they will always be a part of the Franklin Public Schools family. Mrs. Trahan added that she wishes them all the best of luck. For those retiring, it is bittersweet - while it is a time of leaving it is also a time of new beginnings. Mrs. Mullen wanted to wish them all best wishes as they continue on their journeys.

There was a 5-minute recess.

- b. ECDC Update: Mrs. Kelley, Director of ECDC, gave an overview of the school year. She noted the mission was to strengthen community on the quest to improve quality. All classes now start at 9:15 a.m. which allows families the opportunity to network with all ECDC families. Several programs were piloted such as the summer inclusion program and the extended a.m. session during the school year. She also noted how all classes now do the same theme at the same time which allows for a more collaborative approach to teaching and learning. The structure of the open house was restructured where learning is now showcased and parents interact with their children at different stations to understand what is being taught. Communication with families has increased as she now provides families with regular e-mail updates. Going forward, she would like to transition into a blog format of communication. Lastly, she noted she has challenged her staff this year and she is excited about where they can go from here. Mrs. Rohrbach stated it was a fabulous PowerPoint and presentation. She

stated it is very apparent at how well you've done in terms of unifying the school – so nice job.

- c. Horace Mann Update: Mr. Fortin, Mr. Schliefke, Mrs. Forman and a few students spoke to the Committee regarding field trips students took that support and nurture STEM. Mr. Schliefke noted how he challenged the science department to create small scale field trips that expose students to real world science while also getting students excited about science. Students took field trips to the following locations: Boston's Museum of Science, an MIT lab, the Mystic Aquarium, Harvard's Museum of Natural History and Signal Rock Farm. Students discussed these trips and noted how they were exposed to and learned about the classification of animals, climate change, genetics and sustainable farming to name a few. Mr. O'Malley noted the student presenters were outstanding. He applauds the idea of field trips adding it is an important tradition of our schools. Mr. Jewell is excited to see the kids exposed to such amazing sciences at such a young age.

3. Discussion Only Items: There were no Discussion Only Items to discuss.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the request for ASMS 8th graders to travel to Pawtucket, RI to see a PawSox game on June 10, 2015 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 6

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Absent

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$287.66 from O'Connor Studios for supplemental supplies at Davis Thayer Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 6

Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes

Mr. Jewel: Yes

Mr. Clement: Absent

3. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$2,500 for FHS Scholarships:

- Whitson's Food Service - \$1,500

- Steven M. Coppolo - \$1,000

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 6

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 a check for \$5,200 from the Oak Street PCC for Supplemental Curriculum Supplies.

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

Mr. O'Malley wondered if this amount was only available for spending until June 30, 2015. Mrs. Sabolinski said it was and Mrs. Goodman added that they already have a plan on what to spend it on.

5. I recommend approval of the request for the FHS Girls Track Team to travel to Saco, ME to compete in a track meet on June 13, 2015 as detailed.

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. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the additional Action Item was in response to the girl's 4x800 relay team qualifying over the weekend. She noted that the boy's baseball team won yesterday and will play again on Wednesday. She also noted that both the girls and boys lacrosse teams have games this evening. Ms. Butler, who was a finalist for MA STEM Teacher of the Year, was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Raytheon which the District will match. Lastly, Mrs. Sabolinski thanked all those involved with the graduation ceremony and all-night party. She also thanked Pandora Carlucci and Pattie Gay for their assistance with the alumni class reunion. Mrs. Trahan added that graduation was fabulous at every level.
- 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 FEF will host the Harlem Wizards on November 13th.

7. Executive Session: Personnel Update

8. Adjourn: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 6-9-15.pdf

May 26, 2015 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1524 earnings.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1524.pdf

Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

SCWarrant052115.pdf

SCWarrant052815.pdf

1. Retiree List for Paula.pdf

ECDC-Strengthening Community-Improving Quality 2015.pdf

HMMS-STEM Presentation.pdf

ActionA.pdf

ActionB.pdf

ActionC.pdf

ActionD.pdf

Enrollmentcompare-May 2014-May 2015.pdf