

Franklin School Committee Minutes

March 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:

A 3rd grader from the Davis Thayer School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan and FHS representatives Conor Lemanowicz and Justin Bates were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mr. Jewell 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 March 10, 2015 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 6
Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes
Mr. O'Malley: Yes	Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes	Mr. Jewel: Absent
Mr. Clement: Yes	
- Payment of Bills:
Motion: Mr. Clement
Mr. Clement
Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6

Absent: 1

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

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

- Payroll:
Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.
- FHS Student Representatives: Conor noted that the Mock Trial team made it to the Final Four out of 163 teams. This is the furthest the high school has ever gone in this tournament. He also noted that the Senior Banquet was held last Friday and everyone had a great time. Justin noted that Student Government is hosting Franklin Fridays – in which student's dress according to a specific theme. Local businesses give prizes to the class with the most participation. Spring sports tryouts have taken place and practices have begun. Mr. O'Malley wondered where teams are holding practices with all this snow. It was noted that some practices take place in the gym.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Best Buddies: Mrs. Fitzmaurice stated Keller Elementary School will have the very first Elementary Chapter of Best Buddies in the entire nation. She, as well as Mrs. Geddes, Mr. Stark, Mrs. Peretz and Ms. Fishman provided further details. The mission of Best Buddies is to create opportunities for one-on-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Franklin has actively participated in Best Buddies since 1997 at the high school, and since 2004 at the middle schools. As a pilot community, we will develop an elementary curriculum and set expectations for students. Keller parents can learn more about Best Buddies at the April 9th PCC meeting. On June 12th, Keller will hold a workshop for current 3rd and 4th graders who are interested in taking part in this endeavor. Over the summer, students who are chosen to participate will attend the Summer Student Leadership Institute on August 12th and 13th. Other events taking place include a Best Buddies dodge ball tournament on May 3rd from 2-5 p.m. at the Horace Mann Middle School and a fun run at Keller on May 29th at 4 p.m. Mr. Clement noted he loves everything about this and wonders how long it will take before the program is in all of our elementary schools. Mrs. Fitzmaurice noted that she wants to make sure we do this right, noting we are national leaders in curriculum development now. Mrs. Sabolinski added that it took us a year to get to this point. It was not an immediate sell to Best Buddies. She wanted to thank Senator Spilka for her assistance with this. She also gave credit to the group here tonight saying they

sold it to Best Buddies. She feels that in a year from now we can roll this program out at our other elementary schools. Mr. O'Malley added this is about the best of who we are in education – being the first in the nation is an amazing accomplishment. He hopes they get the publicity they deserve for this and the kids get what they deserve from this.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- School Choice Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we have not accepted School Choice students since the 2008/2009 school year. She stated that our enrollment could be affected by a new 280 unit housing development that is planned as well as the expansion of the Charter school – since it is unclear if they will expand within Franklin or outside of Franklin. Her recommendation is to not engage in School Choice.
- Capital Plan Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we usually get our Capital Funds from the Town's budget with the leftover snow money. This year's snowy winter has had a tremendous effect on the Town's budget. We don't expect a lot of left over funds to fund the Capital Plan. Mrs. Winslow added that we met with the Sub-Committee of the Town Council and they asked us to pare down our recommendations. We removed 2 of the 6 items we requested. We removed the request of Chrome Books for 5th graders and the upgrades to the middle school STEM labs. She noted that we will look to fund these items through remaining funds from this year's and next year's operation budget.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend not accepting any new School Choice students for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

2. I recommend approval of the Budget Transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000 from Walmart for supplemental curriculum materials at Davis Thayer Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

4. I recommend approval of the request for HMMS to take 6th and 8th grade students to Mystic Aquarium in CT on April, 1, 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: Yes

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

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that it is great to be back to work. She thanked Mrs. Winslow for the amazing job she did while she was out. She noted the press release regarding Remington Middle School. They were chosen to receive \$3,725 to support their Fuel Up to Play 60 initiative. This was funded by the New England Dairy & Food Council. She noted how for the first time since 1996, the high school is no longer on warning status for community resources from NEASC. She thanks the community for giving us the beautiful new high school. The high school was due to have a NEASC accreditation visit this year, however; it will be deferred until 2017.
- 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 reminded the Committee of the annual Trivia Bee which will be held on April 8th. She hopes that this year's team can win back the trophy. She also noted that on November 13th, the FEA will host the Harlem Wizards.

7. Adjourn: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 3-24-15.pdf

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Payroll Warrant #1518 earnings.pdf

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