Franklin School Committee Minutes

May 26, 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 and Mr. Jewell were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow and other invited guests. Mrs. Goodman as well as the FHS student representatives were 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 May 12, 2015 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approve: 7

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

• Payment of Bills: Motion: Mr. Clement Approve: 7 Mrs. Mullen: Yes Mrs. Trahan: Yes Mr. Jewel: Yes

> Mr. Clement Second: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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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 were not in attendance at this evening's meeting.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. JF Kennedy Elementary School Update: Mrs. Toye, Mrs. Bodkins and 4th grade teachers Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Merten discussed with the Committee Creative Arts Fridays. Creative Arts Friday, which the teachers noted is the highlight of the week for many students, is a 45-minute block of instruction in which students study different poets and forms of poetry, write original poetry and experiment with technology such as Google drive, movie making and Skype. At the end of the year, students will host a Coffeehouse in which they invite families into the school to listen to students original pieces of poetry. Mr. O'Malley stated he enjoys the way they make technology a part of this as opposed to a separate thing. Mr. Jewell voiced his concern over students not using paper and pencil to write, nor learning to read cursive. It was noted that all poems are done with paper and pencil first and edited before they are typed on the Chromebook. Mrs. Rohrbach noted this is a creative way to make learning fun.
- b. Oak Street Elementary School Update: Mrs. Minkle and Ms. Gerber presented to the Committee a slideshow presentation of the school year – through which they gave a brief snapshot of Oak Street Elementary School. The school has partnerships with the YMCA, the Franklin Food Pantry and the Spaulding Center to name a few in which they offer programs to increase physical activity, raise funds for the local food pantry as well as teach disability awareness. Mr. O'Malley noted he enjoyed seeing what goes on in this school and appreciates the collaborations with the community.
- c. School Wellness Advisory Council Update: Mrs. Winslow noted that this Committee meets four times per year. They do needs assessments across the District and then develop smart goals based on the needs. The smart goals are Mental Health, Physical Activity and Nutrition. The Mental Health goal is to identify stresses in school and provide students with the tools needed to manage those stresses. It was noted that student visits to both the nurse and counselors for

somatic symptoms, such as headaches and stomach aches, has had a slight decrease as a result of students learning better coping mechanisms. Mr. O'Malley thinks we need to keep an open door policy with kids going to the nurse or counselor. Mrs. Winslow noted that there was an issue with high school students leaving classes for various reasons. Mrs. Sabolinski added that leaving class has been used as an avoidance technique. Now there is a process in place to identify the problem and strategies have been put into place to get students back into the classroom. If it is a real emergency, parents become involved to get the students the professional help they need. Mrs. Trahan added that this is not to prevent a visit but to give students the skills to cope. The Physical Activity goal is to increase opportunities for physical activity. The District partners with the YMCA to provide the Boks Program, a Running Club, Fit and Lit and Walk to School Day. The Nutrition goal is to increase awareness of healthy eating habits. Next steps include revising goals, assessing the results from the School Climate Survey, MetroWest Health Survey and Athletic Survey, as well as keeping abreast of any changes to State and Federal laws. Mrs. Mullen noted she would like a presentation from guidance at a future meeting.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- 2015-2016 School Committee Meeting Calendar Draft: It was noted that the July meeting should be on the 28th and not on the 26th. The rest of the dates are correct.
- 2015-2016 School Calendar Consideration Additional PD Safety Training: Mrs. Sabolinski would like to consider adding two ½ day Professional Development days to the calendar - one ½ day for faculty in PreK-5 and one ½ day for faculty in grades 6-12. This would allow for the training of all staff in safety and evacuation. The trainings would be through Synergy and the Police Department. Mrs. Trahan suggests this training take place earlier in the school year. Mrs. Sabolinski will have some suggested dates for the trainings for the Committee to consider at the next meeting.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend appointment of the Superintendent to the Board of Directors, Bi-County Collaborative.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7	Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Mrs. Douglas: Yes Mr. O'Malley: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes Mr. Clement: Yes	Mr. Jewel: Yes

2. I recommend appointment of the Superintendent to the Board of Directors, ACCEPT Collaborative.

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		

 I recommend approval of budget transfers as detailed. Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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 approval of the request of Nancy Shoen for a recurring field trip to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on June 12, 2015 with middle school students.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7	Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Mrs. Douglas: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes
Mr. O'Malley: Yes	Mrs. Trahan: Yes

It was noted that this is an after school trip.

Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes

Mr. Clement: Yes

- 5. I recommend acceptance of three checks totaling \$488.77 for in-house enrichment at Franklin High School:
 - Great American Opportunities \$99.20
 - Chipotle Mexican Grill \$139.57 Student Activity Account for Ultimate Frisbee Club

Mr. Jewel:

Yes

 Norfolk DA - \$250 - Operation Graduation, 2015 All Night Party 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 four checks totaling \$4,000 for FHS Scholarships:
 - \$1,000 Peter A. Baglioni
 - o \$1,000 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Coppola
 - \$1,000 Franklin Country Club
 - \$1,000 Friends of the Franklin Library

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

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

Mr. O'Malley wanted to give the Friends of the Franklin Library credit for funding our Summer Reading Program as well.

7. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$3,148.50 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7	Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Mrs. Douglas: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes
Mr. O'Malley: Yes	Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes	Mr. Jewel: Yes

- 8. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$1,320 for District wide inhouse enrichment:
 - Franklin Music Boosters \$1,100
 BJ's Wholesale Club \$220
 Motion: Mrs. Trahan
 Approval: 7

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

9. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$362.08 from the Davis Thayer PCC for Supplemental Curriculum Materials.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

Mr. Clement: Yes

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

5. Information Matters:

• Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that a task force will be formed to discuss the impact of heroin abuse on the community as well as look into establishing treatment services in Franklin. On June 3rd, Mrs. Sabolinski will take part in a cable show interview to discuss the issue of heroin abuse. Ms. Moreau

and Ms. Waters will develop a public service announcement about the dangers of hypodermic needles, as a child in the community found a needle at a local park. FHS teacher, Ms. Butler, is a finalist for the Massachusetts STEM Teacher of the Year. We have again been invited to be a part of PISA, as we did well the last time. FHS academic awards will be held this Thursday and graduation will be held next Friday. Lauren Potter, from the show Glee, will be at the Keller Sullivan School on Friday in support of the Best Buddies program. PARCC had a successful implementation in our schools. Feedback was solicited from both teachers and students and we have been invited to offer testimony on what has and has not worked for us. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the consortium is listening to the mood of the people and going forward, PARCC will be reduced by 90 minutes and the testing session will be reduced from two to one. Lastly, she notes the State Board of Education will make a decision on PARCC in September.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy • Sub-Committee met on May 19th and they continue to work on the School Use Policy. She noted they hope to have the Policy before the Committee for review at the next School Committee meeting.
- 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. Mrs. Sabolinski congratulated the graduating class of 2015.

8. Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents: SCAgenda 5-26-15.pdf
May 12, 2015 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf
SCWarrant050715.pdf
SCWarrant051415
Oak Street Elementary School 14-15 slideshow.pdf
SWAC Presentation to the School Committee 5-26-15 v5.pdf
15-16 Calendar.pdf
15-16 SC Schedule-draft.pdf
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