

Franklin School Committee Minutes

October 21, 2014

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, 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. Mrs. Rohrbach and Mr. Jewell 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 October 7, 2014 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 5
Second: Mr. Clement
Absent: 2

Mrs. Douglas: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes
Mr. O'Malley: Yes	Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent	Mr. Jewell: Absent
Mr. Clement: Yes	
- Payment of Bills: Mr. Clement
Mr. Clement made a motion to accept two sets of warrants.
Motion: Mr. Clement
Second: Mr. O'Malley

Approve: 5

Absent: 2

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

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

- Payroll:
Mrs. Douglas reviewed two sets of payrolls, found them to be in order and recommended acceptance.
- FHS Student Representatives: Justin noted that there is a new class at the high school that helps kids who will be turning 18 register to vote. He further noted they are very happy with the number of kids who signed up. Student Government hosted the homecoming dance recently. Over 700 students attended. Conor noted that Panther Pride night will be held tomorrow from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. This is for incoming freshman and their parents. This year the event will be spread out throughout the classrooms with interactive displays. Peer Leaders will also be available to answer questions.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Davis Thayer Update: Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Wasik and Mrs. Christopolous discussed with the Committee the various fitness initiatives being carried out at the school. Studies show that exercise improves academic performance. At Davis Thayer, students participate in Energizing Brain Breaks – which are movement breaks used throughout the day to increase student productivity and morale. Students also participate in the Bobcat Fitness Club where teachers lead students in exercise. This club meets once a month during school. Students focus on a particular area such as cardio, flexibility and strength. Some other initiatives are BOKS (Build Our Kids Success) which is a before school program that focuses on fun physical activities and games, the International Walk to School program which occurs in October and May as well as a Partnership with Dean College in which Dean athletes will host after school sport clinics and help with PE classes. Mr. O'Malley thinks these initiatives are phenomenal stating the mind is connected to a physical engine that needs to be in tune. He asked how the movement breaks work in class. It was noted that they are not scheduled; rather teachers are in tune to when students would benefit from such breaks. Mr. Clement stated he is glad to see we are once again ahead of the curve with this. Mrs. Mullen noted that Davis Thayer has a great community sense about it.

There was a five-minute recess.

- b. School Climate Survey – Summary: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that last year we joined in partnership with K12 Insight to collect data. We spent months with them developing questions for a School Climate survey. The survey was rolled out later than anticipated and participation was less than expected; however, it was a good start for the collection of baseline data. This year, we will roll out the survey in January and expect to get a better response rate. Mrs. Sabolinski went through the results of the survey with the Committee. She noted that each principal with post the results of their school’s survey on their school’s website. Mr. O’Malley noted this is an opinion report and it is hard to get actionable responses to opinions. Mrs. Sabolinski agreed and noted we need to dig down to find out where some of the perceptions are coming from. She stated that next year we will tweak some of the questions in order to get more clarity. Mr. Clement wondered if the raw data is available – it was noted it is kept by K12 Insight although we will get summary results of each school. The comment section is also kept by K12 Insight and not available to us.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy – First Readings: It was noted that both of the following policies are current policies; however, the changes made to each are significant enough to warrant first readings.
 1. GBEBC – Gifts to Staff
 2. GBI – Political Activities of Staff

4. Action Items:

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

Motion: Mrs. Trahan	Second: Mr. Clement
Approval: 5	Absent: 2
Mrs. Douglas: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes
Mr. O’Malley: Yes	Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent	Mr. Jewel: Absent
Mr. Clement: Yes	

2. I recommend moving the following policies to a second reading:
 - GBEBC – Gifts to Staff
 - GBI – Political Activities of Staff

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| Motion: Mrs. Trahan | Second: Mr. Clement |
| Approval: 5 | Absent: 2 |
| Mrs. Douglas: Yes | Mrs. Mullen: Yes |
| Mr. O’Malley: Yes | Mrs. Trahan: Yes |
| Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent | Mr. Jewel: Absent |
| Mr. Clement: Yes | |

3. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip for FHS students to New Hampshire on November 2, 2014 for US Senate Campaign events as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Douglas

Approval: 5

Absent: 2

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent

Mr. Jewel: Absent

Mr. Clement: Yes

4. I recommend approval of the field trip for Parmenter students to travel to Providence, RI on April 16, 2015 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Douglas

Approval: 5

Absent: 2

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent

Mr. Jewel: Absent

Mr. Clement: Yes

5. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip to New York City for the 8th grade chorus students on May 9, 2015 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Douglas

Approval: 5

Absent: 2

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

Mr. O'Malley: Yes

Mrs. Trahan: Yes

Mrs. Rohrbach: Absent

Mr. Jewel: Absent

Mr. Clement: Yes

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski mentioned excited news – thirteen of our high school students were commended to the National Merit Scholarship Program. She noted that she and other Administrators attended the NEASC Model School Conference last week. She further noted that next year we are heading into accreditation. She will have more NEASC news in December. Horace Mann Middle School's community read book is *Unbroken*. The kickoff to read will be November 10th. October 30th, Remington Middle School can be seen on WCVB morning news participating in the morning wake-up call segment. Lastly, she mentioned the Kennedy Lady Bug Run which took place over the weekend. A lot of fun was had by all who attended.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy Sub-Committee met on October 14th and they continue to make their way through the policy manual.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

6. New Business: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Franklin Education Foundation will hold their annual fundraiser on November 1st. She invites everyone to join them that night for a great evening.

7. Executive Session: Personnel Update

8. Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 10-21-14.pdf

October 7, 2014 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1507 earnings.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1507.pdf

Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

SCWarrant100214.pdf

SCWarrant100914.pdf

Davis Thayer Update - Fitness Initiative.pdf

SchoolClimateSurvey2014.pdf

GBEBC - Gifts to Staff - 10-14-14.pdf

GBI Political Activities of Staff - 10-14-14.pdf

OLD - GBEBC - Gifts to Staff.pdf

OLD - GBI - Political Activities of Staff.pdf

ActionA.pdf

ActionB.pdf

ActionC.pdf

ActionD.pdf

ActionE.pdf

10-21-14Memo.pdf