

Franklin School Committee Minutes

October 7, 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:

Two freshmen from the High School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell 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. Douglas was not in attendance. Mrs. Rohrbach arrived late.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: Mr. Creedon, President of the Franklin Education Association, made a comment on behalf of the members of the Association. His comment was in regards to changes in school climate, primarily concerning the recent emergency at the high school. Members felt it troubling that established protocols were not observed. He asked for a debriefing from the Administration and review of all policies and procedures. He noted that he will provide the Administration with questions from members and would like to meet to further discuss the situation. Mrs. Mullen noted that Mrs. Sabolinski will get in touch to set up a meeting.
- Review of Agenda: No additional items.
- Minutes:
I recommend approval of the minutes from the September 23, 2014 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 5
Second: Mr. Jewell
Absent: 2

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

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

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Clement
Motion: Mr. Clement Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 5 Absent: 2

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

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

- Payroll:
Mrs. Douglas was not in attendance at this evening's meeting.
- FHS Student Representatives: Justin noted that seniors and their parents learned how to navigate college applications and Naviance at Curriculum Night. He also updated the Committee on fall sports. Conor noted that this Friday night is the homecoming game against King Phillip. The Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday night.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Sophia Addi – French Horn: Sophia has been accepted into the 2014 All National Honors Concert Band. She will travel to Nashville, Tennessee and play at the Grand Ole Opry on October 29th. Sophia played her French horn for the Committee and was then presented with a plaque noting her accomplishment.
- b. Star Team Plaque Presentation: Over the summer, several students helped deploy Chromebooks at the high school. They also assisted, and continue to assist, teachers with getting up to speed with all the new technology. These students were presented with a plaque in recognition of their efforts and hard work. Mrs. Sabolinski thanked them for all they did and continue to do; further noting they did an amazing job, and the high school wouldn't be where it is without them.

There was a 5-minute recess.

- c. Tech Update/Plan: Mr. Rapoza noted that we are doing a 1:1 program at the high school with Chromebooks. There are over 220 access points in the building, further noting that the building is a technology showcase. With regards to technology rollout – we are about 85 – 90% there. However, we still need to do more training. Mrs. Mullen asked if there are any outstanding issues waiting to get operational. Mr. Rapoza noted that hardware is in the teacher's hands but we

are still waiting to finish up the software installation. We are also still awaiting the arrival of science lab tablets. We security system is also being tweaked at the building.

Ms. Edwards noted that for the past three years the District has participated in the Building Learning Communities Education Conference. From this, 30 staff members have formed a Digital Learning Committee. The Committee focuses on instruction to facilitate 1:1 learning. The Committee's goals are to look at and make recommendations on the Acceptable Use Policy, look at digital citizenship and further develop digital learning for teachers through professional development. Ms. Edwards also noted that the District is looking to roll out Chromebooks to 8th graders next year. Mr. Clement asked if the schools can handle the new technology. Mr. Rapoza noted that we continue to build our infrastructure to support the deployment of technology and can go 1:1 in every school when we choose to. On a side note, he noted that both Panasonic and Dell have requested case studies of our school to see how we are using technology. Mr. O'Malley applauded the District for putting in the infrastructure to support this technology. Mrs. Rohrbach thinks the Digital Learning Committee is a powerful and great idea. In terms of technology at the high school, she asked what the plan is to train teachers. It was noted that they isolate training needs and train on specific needs through professional development. They also hosted a technology boot camp over the summer. Mr. Jewell asked about the hearing impaired. Mr. Rapoza noted that every classroom is amplified and remote listening systems are available for larger rooms such as the auditorium. Lastly, Mr. Clement asked about Chromebook accidents. Mr. Rapoza noted that some have been broken and kids have been issued a new one, further noting the replacement process is multistep and still being tweaked.

- d. Facilities Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that there are still a few kinks to work out at the high school such as signage issues, banners and the bell paging system, but we are in a good place. She further noted that the building Committee has been very responsive in addressing all issues. She also noted that the new parking lot will be ready in about two weeks, there is only one section of H wing left to be demolished and the security system continues to be worked on to make the system work more cohesively. Mr. O'Malley asked when the new fields will be ready to be used by students. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that once the fields are seeded, which she feels will more likely happen in the spring, we could expect to use the fields the following spring. Mr. Jewell asked if lighting will be put into the parking lots so they are not dark – Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the lots will have lighting.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- a. Policy – Second Readings:
 - GBBG – Staff Health & Safety: There were no questions or comments from the Committee regarding this policy.

- IJOC – School Volunteers: There were no questions or comments from the Committee regarding this policy.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of Policies as discussed:

- GBBG – Staff Health & Safety
- IJOC – School Volunteers

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

2. I recommend acceptance of three checks totaling \$3,286.50 from the Keller PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Absent
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 \$1,200 from the JFK PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$4,500 from the Jefferson PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

5. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$746.80 from the Oak Street PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

6. I recommend approval of the request of the Remington Adventure Club's field trip to Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH on October 25th (rain date 11/1/14) as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$400 from Shaws & Star Market for in-house enrichment at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

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

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

8. I recommend acceptance of the donation of art supplies valued at \$277 from DonorsChoose.org for FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Absent
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 noted that information from the Department of Public Health on the Enterovirus D68 can be found on the District's website as well as each individual school website. Daniel Hudder, Director of English, had an article published in the journal Phi Delta Kappa. A debriefing on the incident that happened at the high school will happen as soon as the investigation is closed. The administration has already begun looking into

what they could have done better and will also look at policies and procedures. Lastly, she asked the Committee to let her know if they are interested in attending the MASS MASC Joint Annual Conference. Mr. Clement asked how parents were informed of what was happening at the high school. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that parents need to sign up for the Connect Ed notification system.

- 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 Franklin Education Foundation will hold a fundraiser on November 1st. At the Harvest Festival over the weekend, she noted that several parents gave compliments on the recent curriculum night that was held at the high school. Mr. Jewell added that he too has heard from several parents how pleased they are with the teachers at the high school.

7. Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 10-7-14.pdf
B2A.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1506 earnings.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1506.pdf
September 23, 2014 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf
SCWarrant091814.pdf
SCWarrant092514.pdf
GBGB - Staff Health and Safety-draft-9-16-14.pdf
IJO School Volunteers - Draft9-16-14.pdf
ActionA.pdf
ActionB.pdf
ActionC.pdf
ActionD.pdf
ActionE.pdf
ActionF.pdf
ActionG.pdf
ActionH.pdf
BICO Quarterly Information.pdf
Enrollmentcompare-Sept 2013-Sept 2014.pdf
10-7-14Memo.pdf