

Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 23, 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 5th grader from the Oak Street School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Rohrbach, 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. Mr. O'Malley arrived late.

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 September 9, 2014 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 6
Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Absent: 1

Mrs. Douglas: Yes	Mrs. Mullen: Yes
Mr. O'Malley: Absent	Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach: Yes	Mr. Jewel: Yes
Mr. Clement: Yes	
- Payment of Bills:
Motion: Mr. Clement
Approve: 6
Mr. Clement
Second: Mrs. Trahan
Absent: 1

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

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: Conor noted that things are going great at the high school. Guidance will host four college seminars to assist seniors and their families with the college application process. Justin noted that a Curriculum Night will be held on September 30th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. He also updated the Committee on sports scores. Mrs. Mullen asked if parents have been made aware of the Curriculum Night. Justin noted that the students were just made aware of the event. Mrs. Sabolinski added that Mr. Light will send out ConnectEd messages to parents and information will also be sent out on twitter.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Student Trip to China: Several high school students as well as three high school teachers travelled to China for 10 days this summer. Two of these students presented an overview of their trip to the Committee. They visited sites in Beijing, Xian and Shanghai. They discussed how they have benefited from being exposed to new cultures, have developed new friendships, and are more globally aware and confident. Two of the teachers who travelled to China, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Walsh, stated students came away with a contextual understanding of China. They also noted they would love to visit China again as well as other parts of the world with students. Mrs. Rohrbach wondered what a school day looks like in China. It was noted that the school day goes from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mr. O'Malley stated he loves overseas trips as a form of education. He also noted their presentation was well done.
- b. China Trip: Ms. Edwards and Ms. Hogan also went to China over the summer. They went as part of the Delegation of Education Leaders. This trip, which was specifically for education leaders, was funded by Primary Source and NEA Grants. They visited a number of schools in three cities. They also met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs as well as the Shanghai Education Commissioner and Senior Administrators. They too came back with an increased sense of global awareness and would like to explore Global Competency Diplomas, classroom to classroom communication between us and Chinese schools, increased student travel abroad as well as international internships for Senior Project. Mr. O'Malley asked if we were ready for Chinese language in

school. Mrs. Sabolinski and Ms. Edwards noted it is difficult to fund and retain teachers.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- a. Policy – First Readings:
 - GBGB – Staff Health & Safety: Changes were made to this policy regarding outdated language and outdated legal references.
 - IJOC – School Volunteers: Changes in language were made to this policy.
- b. Collaborative Agreements: Mrs. Sabolinski noted the Committee had both agreements in their packets for review. They are slated for approval under Action Items.
- c. Evaluation of Superintendent: Mrs. Mullen read the Superintendents review. She was found to be exemplary in all categories. Mr. Rohrbach noted that Mrs. Sabolinski is one of the hardest working people she knows. She cares about education and the whole child. She provides every child the resources they need. Mrs. Douglas noted that Mrs. Sabolinski leads by example and is always ready to listen. Mr. O’Malley added that we are lucky to have her as the Superintendent of our District and thanked her for the level of success she has brought us. Mrs. Mullen further added that the relationships and bonds she has formed with staff members have served us well noting the District is in good hands. Mrs. Sabolinski thanked all of them for their support.

4. Action Items:

- 1. I recommend moving the following policies discussed to a second reading:

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

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

- 2. I recommend approval of the Bi-County Collaborative Agreement.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

3. I recommend approval of the Accept Collaborative Agreement.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

4. I recommend adoption of the Superintendent Evaluation.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$847.61 from Target's Take Charge of Education Program for FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500 from Reebok Foundation for in-house enrichment at Keller Elementary.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Mrs. Douglas: Yes
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 mentioned a thank you letter she received from the Superintendent of Tri-County for the bookcases that were donated to them. Channel 5 news has recorded "Wake-Up" calls from a number of our schools which will be broadcast on their morning news segment. The remaining schools in town will also be filmed on a future date. WBZ radio did a nice story on the music concert from the high school dedication ceremony. They were there when the students were rehearsing. She noted they are looking into offering inclement weather driver training to both juniors and seniors. She also noted they signed up for a forecasting service through Accuweather which she

hopes will help them make better decision on whether to close schools. She thanked those involved with the high school dedication ceremony and will invite the high school student tech team to the next school committee meeting to honor them. She also noted that she will consider holding a school committee meeting at the high school to hear musical performances from students. Mrs. Mullen ended by thanking Mrs. Sabolinski and Mrs. Winslow for all they did for the dedication ceremony.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy Sub-Committee met on September 16th. They will meet again on September 30th.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

6. New Business: Mrs. Trahan invited the community to come out and support the FEF fundraising efforts. The annual casino night will be held on November 1st.

7. Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda9-23-14.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1504V.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1505 earnings.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1505.pdf
September 9, 2014 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf
SCWarrant090414.pdf
SCWarrant091114.pdf
GBGB - Staff Health and Safety-draft-9-16-14.pdf
IJO School Volunteers - Draft 9-16-14.pdf
ACCEPT Agreement.pdf
BICO Agreement.pdf
Evaluation.pdf
ActionA.pdf
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