

Franklin School Committee Minutes

June 10, 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:

The future senior class president, who will join us next year as a FHS student representative, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan and Mr. Jewell were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mr. Clement 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 May 27, 2014 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. Jewell: Yes
Mr. Clement: Absent	
- Payment of Bills:
Motion: Mr. Clement
Approve: 7
Mr. Clement
Second: Mrs. Trahan

Mrs. Douglas: Yes
Mr. O'Malley: Yes
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: The FHS Student Representatives are on summer recess.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. FPS Retirees: Several retirees were on hand and receive two books signed by the Committee. Each Committee member thanked them for their many years of service.
- b. PARCC vs. MCAS: Ms. Edwards and Mrs. Sabolinski noted that DESE is requiring that we decide by June 30th whether to administer PARCC or MCAS in grades 3-8 next year. The state will determine the following year whether to adopt PARCC or stay with MCAS. It was noted that all principals overwhelmingly think we should move to PARCC testing now – even at the high school level. Grade 10 students will continue to take MCAS in ELA and Math through the class of 2018. Other comparable communities haven't yet decided on PARCC or MCAS although they seem to be leaning toward PARCC. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that whatever direction the state takes, there is going to be digital online assessment and her recommendation is toward the PARCC route.

The recent field testing of PARCC will allow for PARCC to determine the fairness, validity and accuracy of test questions and refine the test as necessary. State wide, it was noted that the majority of students expressed a preference for online tests versus paper-and-pencil tests. A majority of students felt that the PARCC questions related to things they had learned in school this year. Students felt the test was easy to navigate and accessibility tools were easy to use. Although some students experience a technology related problem, most students were able to complete the test within the allotted time.

In Franklin, teachers surveyed felt students responded positively to the PARCC testing although there were a few technology glitches that proved challenging. Of the teachers surveyed, most would prefer using PARCC in the future feeling that the test is more aligned with the 2011 Frameworks as well as Franklin's curricular and instructional goals.

With regards to technology, there will be enough chrome books for testing of all students in one grade on one day. Field testing revealed limitations of our wireless ‘capacity’. As a result, 120 additional Wireless Access Points are being installed in grades K-8 to address capacity issues.

Some concerns with moving toward PARCC surround funding of technology, training down the road as well as recurring costs to replace obsolete technology. The town has limited technology support staff. Mrs. Rohrbach wondered how many more personnel would be needed to employ PARCC across the District. It was noted that teachers will be trained and we would need to stretch the technology staff. It was also noted that high school students will act a tech support as well. Mr. Clement noted that he hates to see training spent for PARCC and then the state decides on MCAS. He wonders how we deal with the risk of going in this direction and risking it getting yanked back. Ms. Edwards noted that we need to move in the direction of online testing. There are benefits instructionally to provide digitally enriched curriculum and instruction. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we will move in the direction of technology and training no matter which direction we go and will move along the agenda for more technology and push digital learning at the elementary level. Mr. O’Malley noted that he is leaning towards PARCC noting we are heading towards technological education. Mr. Jewell commented that we can’t make a wrong choice with the leadership we have.

- c. District Improvement Plan (DIP): Ms. Edwards noted that the changes to the DIP are quite minor since last year. The five standards, each with sub goals, align with the Educator Evaluation System. They are: Instructional Leadership, Curriculum Planning and Assessment, Learning Environment, Family & Community Engagement, and Professional Culture. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we just completed our first year of the Educator Evaluation System and received positive feedback from staff. It was also noted that as the Educator Evaluation system expands, we will have more quantifiable measurements of assessments. Mr. O’Malley asked if we intend to have common assessments for our middle schools. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that yes, we have common assessment in all subjects. Mrs. Mullen noted that long ago, one could always tell which middle school a child came from once they hit high school – she noted that she is glad to see kids get the same education at each school.

3. Discussion Only Items: There were no Discussion Only Items on this evening’s agenda.

4. Action Items:

- 1. I recommend approval of declaring the attached list of English books as surplus for FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

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 declaring the attached list of Math books as surplus for JF Kennedy Elementary School.

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 acceptance of the following checks totaling \$2,900 for FHS Scholarships as detailed:

- \$400 from John T. Ombelets & Elizabeth A. John - Mock Trial Scholarship
- \$1,000 from the Franklin Country Club – FCC Hall of Fame Award
- \$1,500 from Whitson's Food Service

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 acceptance of the following checks totaling \$785.97 for supplies at Davis Thayer Elementary School as detailed:

- \$285.97 from O'Connor Studios
- \$500 from the Davis Thayer PCC

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 \$493 from the Parmenter PCC for in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

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

Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mr. Jewel: Yes

6. I recommend acceptance of the following checks totaling \$3,857 from the Oak Street PCC for supplies at Oak Street Elementary School as detailed:
\$1,000 – plastic tubs for storage above cubbies
\$935.52 – four standing desks for Grade 2
\$1,923.48 – 18 pedestal fans

This Action Item was tabled until the next meeting as there was a question as to whether the District should supply the standing desks versus the PCC.

7. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a Bose Music System valued at \$600 from the Oak Street PCC for the Oak Street music room.

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

8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$282.66 from Wells Fargo Foundation for in-house enrichment at 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

9. I recommend approval of the District Improvement Plan (DIP) as presented.

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

10. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$265 from BJ's Wholesale Club for district-wide use.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Mrs. Douglas: Yes

Mrs. Mullen: Yes

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

Mrs. Trahan: Yes
Mr. Jewel: Yes

11. I recommend acceptance of checks totaling \$95 in memory of Joseph DeNapoli for Franklin High School as detailed:

- \$25 from Sandra Scott & George Fitton
- \$20 from Maureen & Richard Murphy
- \$50 from The Edward Wissell Family

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

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 wanted to thank Franklin's Community Cable Access Commission for providing funds in the amount of \$164,000 which will be used to outfit the cable studio at the new high school. She noted that the high school graduation ceremony was lovely and was a nice way to say goodbye to the high school. She wanted to thank the Police and Fire Departments as well as the DPW and All Night Party Committee for all they did to make the day a success. On Thursday, the high school faculty and students will have one final event to say goodbye – they will have a barbeque as well as a battle of the bands.
- 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. Mullen wanted to remind the Community and the Committee that the final walk through of the current High School will take place on June 21st from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

7. **Adjourn:** 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 6-10-14.pdf

Budget2Actual.pdf

May 27, 2014 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1424 earnings.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1424.pdf

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SCWarrant042214.pdf
SCWarrant052914.pdf
SCWarrant060514.pdf
13-14-Retirees.pdf
DIP 2014-15.pdf
PARCC versus MCAS - 6-10-14 SC.pdf
ActionA.pdf
ActionB.pdf
ActionC.pdf
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