Franklin School Committee Minutes

June 24, 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:

Mrs. Mullen 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. The FHS student representatives are on summer recess. Mrs. Goodman was not in attendance.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: A further discussion on PARCC versus MCAS will be added under Discussion Only Items.
- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 10, 2014 School Committee

Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

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

Mr. Clement: Yes

Payment of Bills: Mr. Clement
 Motion: Mr. Clement
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

Mrs. Douglas: Yes Mrs. Mullen: Yes Mrs. 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 are on summer recess.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. School Wellness Advisory Council Updates: Mrs. Winslow noted that this committee is driven by two legislative acts from 2010 – the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act at the Federal level and an act relative to school nutrition at the State level. She also noted that the work done on this committee dovetails with both the District Improvement Plans and School Improvement Plans. The School Wellness Advisory Council (SWAC) is a committee comprised of school nurses, PE/Health staff, teachers, counselors, administration, parents, students, as well as a representative from the YMCA and others. The committee meets several times during the year and has developed a wellness policy (JLCCB) that was adopted by the School Committee on 2/26/13. This policy includes nutrition guidelines on competitive foods and beverages sold in our cafeterias, guidelines around school meal programs and also addresses areas of student nutrition and health education, PE and activity, healthy and safe environment, and social and emotional wellbeing. This year the committee developed and implemented SMART goals in the areas of Mental Health, Physical Activity and Nutrition as well as wrote grants to support nutrition, physical activity and social-emotional well-being. Winslow discussed with the Committee each goal. Mrs. Trahan noted that the goals were well organized and thoughtful, although lofty, and the committee got a lot accomplished. Mrs. Rohrbach noted these goals are about trying to educate the whole child - teaching children lifelong lessons on how to eat well, treat your body well and handle stress. Mr. Jewell is glad we are working on mental health. He wondered if we have enough counselors - Mrs. Winslow noted that the District is well resourced with counselors who help children with appropriate responses when stressed.
- b. Student Success Team Update: Mrs. Winslow, Mr. Peri and Mr. Light noted that this group, which was formed in 2004-2005 due to an increase in the dropout rate, supports students who are at risk for not getting a diploma. They identify our most at risk students early on and examine underlying issues that get in the way of

student success. They implement interventions to personalize the high school experience for all students such as flexible scheduling for students who have to work, implementation of online courses for credit recovery and the redesign of the alternative learning program. They also offer increased counseling services for at risk students. It was noted that the DESE dropout data for 2010 is inaccurate. As we switched over to Aspen, any 8th grade student who attended a private school as a 9th grader was considered a Franklin high school dropout. Once a student leaves the public school system, they are no longer tracked by the state. The state was notified of this error but said it is too late to change the data so they will continue to report it out that way. A recent local publication said we had a graduation rate of only 82% which is grossly inadequate. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we have a graduation rate of higher than 90% and wanted to clarify that this was just a data entry due to the Aspen transition. She also noted that there is a rumor in the community that we inflated our enrollment numbers to get more state funding – we did not and she wanted to dispel that myth.

3. Discussion Only Items:

• Policy – First Readings:

New or Revised Policies:

- 1. (New) JJE Student Fundraising Activities
- 2. (Revised) AC Discrimination Harassment
- 3. (Revised) CHCA Approval of Student Handbooks
- 4. (Revised) IJOAA Field Trips
- 5. (Revised) JICFB Bullying
- 6. (Revised) JII Student Complaints and Grievances
- 7. (Revised) JLCD Self-Administration Medication

Mrs. Winslow noted that a number of policies need to be updated before the handbooks are released. Many of the revised policies have language changes.

- Elimination of Policies:
 - 1. AC-E Public Discrimination Complaints
 - 2. AC-R Harassment Discrimination Investigation Checklist
 - 3. ACA Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Gender
 - 4. ACAB Sexual Harassment Policy for Students
 - 5. ACE Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability
 - 6. ACE-R Rights of Handicapped Persons
- PARCC vs. MCAS: Ms. Edwards reminded the Committee that we need to decide which standardized test we will administer next year. PARCC is based on the 2011 Massachusetts Frameworks and the test reflects what is being taught in the classrooms. Administration recommends we administer PARCC. Mr. O'Malley noted that he will vote for PARCC. He notes that it's how we teach and not how we test he feels PARCC extends the challenge to teaching children and that is why he likes it. Mrs. Rohrbach noted that she is going to make a decision based on a test that prepares our students for the future, brings them into

the 21st century and gives them the skills they need as well as provides them the opportunities they need. Mr. Clement noted that he trusts in our teachers and administration, when they tell us it is a good program – he believes in them. Mrs. Mullen noted PARCC is more aligned to what we currently do – so she feels logically it make sense to choose PARCC. She further noted if we do our job well and teach students well, it doesn't matter which test they take – they will do well. She also said at this point we have vetted it, listened to the presentation and are at a decent place to make a decision this evening. Mrs. Sabolinski further added that what we have tried to do is structure an instructional program with the most up to date and relevant instructional methodologies that are going to help all kids reach their potential. PARCC offers us an opportunity to begin to up our game instructionally. There were several residents in the audience who spoke on their request to keep MCAS noting that PARCC is an untested, unproven Federal program and wonder why we have to jump into it. They also voiced concern about how test data will now be shared.

4. Action Items:

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

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

2. I recommend the Franklin Public Schools implement the PARCC as the district assessment system for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

- 3. I recommend moving the following revised/new policies to a second reading:
 - o (New) JJE Student Fundraising Activities
 - o (Revised) AC Discrimination Harassment
 - o (Revised) CHCA Approval of Student Handbooks
 - o (Revised) IJOAA Field Trips
 - o (Revised) JICFB Bullying
 - o (Revised) JII Student Complaints and Grievances
 - o (Revised) JLCD Self-Administration Medication

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

- 4. I recommend moving the following elimination policies to a second reading:
 - o AC-E Public Discrimination Complaints
 - o AC-R Harassment Discrimination Investigation Checklist
 - o ACA Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Gender
 - o ACAB Sexual Harassment Policy for Students
 - o ACE Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability
 - o ACE-R Rights of Handicapped Persons

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

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Mr. Clement: Yes

5. I recommend approval to declare instruments listed as surplus for FHS.

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 checks totaling \$547 for FHS in-house enrichment:
 - o \$130.68 from Follett
 - o \$262.66 from Wells Fargo
 - o \$130.66 from Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards
 - o \$30 in memory of Joseph DeNapoli from Pauline Carlson

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Approval: 7

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Mr. Clement: Yes

5. Information Matters:

 Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted an uneventful close to the school year. A 'goodbye' to the high school event was recently held – there was a good turnout of community members who reminisced about their time at the high

- school. Tomorrow the high school will officially be decommissioned. The demolition process has started and the transition into the new building is beginning.
- 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 wanted to thank the town for all the scholarships they gave away at the high school. She wanted to thank the PCC's for the funds they raised. She also wanted to thank the committee for all their help in closing the high school.
- 7. Executive Session: Contractual Negotiations
- **8. Adjourn:** 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 6-24-14

June 10, 2014 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1425 earnings.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1425.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1425B earnings.pdf

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Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

SCWarrant061214.pdf

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Student Success Team4sc-13-14.pdf

SWAC 4SC-6-24-14.pdf

- 1. JJE Student Fundraising Activities.pdf
- 2. AC Discrimination Harassment 6-12-14.pdf
- 3. CHCA Approval of Student Handbooks 6-12-14.pdf
- 4. IJOAA Field Trips Final 6-12-14.pdf
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ActionD.pdf
ActionE.pdf
ActionF.pdf
6-24-14Memo.pdf
Enrollmentcompare-June 2013-June 2014.pdf