

# Franklin School Committee Minutes

May 13, 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 Keller School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell and FHS representative Thomas Downing were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mr. Clement and FHS representative Maegan Schmauder were not in attendance.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

### **1. Routine Business**

- Citizens Comments: None
  
- Review of Agenda: New Policy CB – School Superintendent will be discussed under Discussion Only Items.
  
- Minutes:  
I recommend approval of the minutes from the April 29, 2014 School Committee Meeting.  
Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approve: 6  
Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1
  
- Payment of Bills: Mr. Clement  
Mr. Clement was not in attendance at this evening's meeting.
  
- Payroll:  
Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.

- FHS Student Representatives: Thomas updated the Committee on spring sports. He also noted MCAS and AP testing. Seniors have less than two weeks of classes left.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Annie Sullivan Update: Three teachers from the Social Studies Department were on hand to discuss the driving force behind their department – Document Based Questions (DBQ). This form of argument writing promotes higher level thinking amongst students as well as compells them to draw their own conclusions based on historical facts. Several students were also on hand to share their experiences.

There was a brief recess.

- b. New Policy – First Reading:
  - Policy GBADA – Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Checks Made for Non-Criminal Justice Purposes: Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Trainor discussed with the Committee this new Policy that needs to go into effect based on a new law. In addition to Cori Checks, this new law requires all employees be fingerprinted. The fingerprints will then be checked by the Massachusetts State Police and the FBI. All employees, including substitute teachers, vendors and any volunteer that will be left alone with a child will need to be fingerprinted. Employees, as part of their employment, are required to pay for their own fingerprinting. Fingerprints will be valid for seven years. Once an employee is found to be suitable for employment, they will have a suitability form on file. This suitability form will be valid for seven years or time of employment, whichever is longer. If an employee decides to take a job within another District, this form would allow them to work within another District without getting fingerprints run again, unless that District deems necessary. If that is the case, that new employer would bear the cost to perform a new CHRI rather than rely on the previous employers suitability form. Going forward, an initial Cori will be run for any new employee. If it turns out bad, the hiring process will stop there. If it is good, the new policy allows for the hiring of that person pending fingerprinting results. Any negative fingerprint results need to be reported to the Commissioner of Education. Mrs. Sabolinski reminded the Committee that fingerprinting is a snapshot of one moment in time. This is just another tool that may help us, but may not. She cautions that we don't develop a false sense of security. We need to do this because it is a policy, it is not a panacea, and we still need to be vigilant adults for the children. Mr. O'Malley noted that he disagrees with this policy. He stated that we fingerprint criminals in this society, not teachers. He feels that we are treating teachers as a class of people that needs to be checked on by the big brother of this country in a way that he thinks demeans us. He further noted that he will vote against this

policy. This policy will be recommended for a second read under Action Items.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy Elimination – First Readings:
  1. CBC – Superintendents Powers and Responsibilities: It was noted that this is an outdated policy. This policy will be recommended for a second read under Action Items.
  2. BDC – Appointed Committee Officials: It was noted that this is an outdated policy. This policy will be recommended for a second read under Action Items.
- New Policy – First Reading:
  1. Policy CB – School Superintendent: This new policy was modeled after language found on the MASC website and is recommended for a second read under Action Items.
- BICO – Capital Improvement Policy; Annual Appointment: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the Capital Improvement Policy will establish a capital fund for students to attend collaboratives. Mrs. Sabolinski will be recommended for appointment as a BICO board member under Action Items.

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend that the faculty currently known as Franklin High School be declared surplus effective June 25, 2014.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

2. I recommend moving the following Policies to a second read:

- (New) GBADA – Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Checks Made for Non-Criminal Justice Purposes.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 5 No: 1 (Mr. O'Malley)

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

- (New) CB – School Superintendent.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

- (Elimination) CBC – Superintendents Powers and Responsibilities.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

- (Elimination) BDC – Appointed Committee Officials.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

3. I recommend acceptance of checks totaling \$1,525 from the JFK PCC for field trips as detailed.  
 Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
 Approval: 6  
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
 Absent: 1
4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$282.66 from Wells Fargo for in-house enrichment at FHS.  
 Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
 Approval: 6  
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
 Absent: 1
5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,600 from the Franklin Music Boosters for District wide in-house enrichment.  
 Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
 Approval: 6  
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
 Absent: 1
6. I recommend acceptance of checks totaling \$1,435 in memory of Mr. Joseph DeNapoli for in-house enrichment at FHS as follows:
- John A. Cataldo - \$1,000
  - Ann Sullivan - \$15
  - Laurel J. Anderson - \$50
  - Sheila C. Wilson - \$20
  - Janice Capen - \$50
  - Richard Winning - \$100
  - Cyd. C. Ostrovsky - \$50
  - Janet M. Horstman - \$25
  - Ralph L. Ellis - \$100
  - Mark & Barbara Zenobia - \$25
- Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
 Approval: 6  
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
 Absent: 1
7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000 from Fidelity for a FHS scholarship in memory of Fernando P. Baglioni.  
 Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
 Approval: 6  
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
 Absent: 1
8. I recommend acceptance of checks totaling \$3,030.73 from Keller PCC for field trips.  
 Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
 Approval: 6  
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
 Absent: 1
9. I recommend approval of declaring FHS Band Uniforms surplus as detailed.  
 Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
 Approval: 6  
 Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
 Absent: 1
10. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500 from Boks-Rebok for supplies at Davis Thayer.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

11. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$440 from the Oak Street PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

12. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,875 from the ASMS PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

13. I recommend declaring the attached list of FHS fitness equipment as surplus.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

14. I recommend adoption of the BICO Capital Improvement Policy as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

15. I recommend Maureen Sabolinski be appointed as a BICO board member for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 6

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Absent: 1

## **5. Information Matters:**

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted a few events that the School Committee will be invited to such as the Spanish National Honor Society Induction on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, FHS Awards Night on May 30<sup>th</sup>, FHS Athletic Awards Night on June 5<sup>th</sup> and FHS Graduation on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Goodman noted that a shuttle bus will run between the Beaver Pond lot and the Ice Skating Rink lot in the fall to bring students to the High School. You can find more information on this on the District's website. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that Anti-Bullying training for parents that will take place May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy Sub-Committee met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> and continue to go through the Policy Manual.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mrs. Winslow and Mr. O'Malley noted that the Anti-Bullying Task Force will present a revised Anti-Bullying & Prevention Plan at a future meeting.

**6. New Business:** Mrs. Mullen noted that the current High School will be open for the public to visit one last time on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, an over-21 Farewell to the High School event will be held at the Field House from 7 p.m. – 10

p.m. Information on how to purchase tickets can be found on the School Department's website.

**7. Adjourn:** 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 5-13-14.pdf

April 29, 2014 SCMinutes-Draft.pdf

B2A.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1421 earnings.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1421.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1422 earnings.pdf

SCWarrant042414.pdf

SCWarrant050114.pdf

Athens vs Sparta checklist.pdf

DBQ Athens v. Sparta.pdf

DBQ Athens vs. Sparta rubric.pdf

DBQ organizers.pdf

Student Sample.pdf

WAG Athens vs. Sparta.pdf

Editorial Template.pdf

Globalization Argument Rubric.pdf

Globalization Argument Sample.pdf

Globalization Documents.pdf

Natural Resources (oil) argument rubric.pdf

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Natural Resources Argument Sample.pdf

WAG for Globalization Argument.pdf

Writing Checklist for Argument.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1422.pdf

Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

Exemplar with comments.pdf

Feudal Europe & the Church - stable society WAG.pdf

Feudalism, the Church, & Stable Society - Argument Rubric.pdf

Medieval Europe DBQ document analysis sheet.pdf

Stable Society Argument Writing - Sources.pdf

Stable Society argument writing CHECKLIST.pdf

CB --School Superintendent.pdf

Criminal History Checks for School Employees-R3.pdf

GBADA - Fingerprint-based Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) checks made for Non-Criminal

Justice Purposes.pdf

BDC - Appointed Committee Officials.pdf

BICO-Capital Improvement Policy.pdf

CBC --Supt Powers and Responsibilities.pdf

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