

# Franklin School Committee Minutes

November 19, 2013

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the Parmenter School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell and FHS representatives Maegan Schmauder and Thomas Downing were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mrs. Rohrbach arrived late.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: Mrs. Mullen noted that Mrs. Trahan is the new Vice Chair. She also welcomed Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Clement to the Committee and mentioned that she looks forward to serving with them.
- Minutes:  
I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2013 and November 6, 2013 School Committee Meetings.  
Motion: Mrs. Trahan  
Approve: 6  
Second: Mr. Jewell  
Absent: 1
- Payment of Bills:  
Motion: Mr. Clement  
Approve: 6  
Mr. Clement  
Second: Mr. Jewell  
Absent: 1
- Payroll:

Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.

- FHS Student Representatives: Maegan noted that Spirit Week has started. She noted some examples such as Boston Strong Day, Pajama Day, Throwback Thursday and Panther Pride Day. Thomas noted that the High School's pep rally will be held on Tuesday. Lastly, he noted that the Thanksgiving Day football game will begin at 10 a.m.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

## **2. Guests/Presentations:**

- a. Snow Update: Brutus Cantoriggi and Carlos Rebelo spoke with the Committee on the snow removal process. Mr. Cantoriggi noted that due to public safety concerns, the removal of snow from the roadways is their first priority. Once the roads are cleared, they clear snow from public buildings and schools and then sidewalks. He discussed the many factors that come into play with regards to snow removal, such as the duration of the storm, the timing of the storm and the available equipment. Mrs. Sabolinski further commented school closing messages will be sent out via Connect Ed. School closings are also listed on all the major networks as well as the School Departments Website.
- b. MCAS Presentation: Mrs. Edwards noted that we are a Level 2 District (out of 5). We continue to outperform students across the State. Over 89% of our students passed the MCAS test. ELA scores continue to be stronger than Math scores but she noted that this gap is narrowing. She further noted that this disparity is similar across the State. Going forward, we will continue to analyze data to inform instruction as well as collaborate on improving student performance and instructional practice. We will continue to expand the keys to literacy program to include writing at the Middle Schools, continue with the multi-year implementation of literacy programs at the Elementary Schools and continue extensive professional development for elementary math as well as readers and writers workshop. This spring, we will participate in PARCC field testing. It was noted that we don't have all the specifics as to which schools and which grade levels will participate. More information will become available in December from the Commissioner's Office. PARCC will not replace MCAS unless it is as rigorous or more rigorous of a test. This decision will be made in the Spring of 2015.

## **3. Discussion Only Items:**

- Enrollment Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that elementary enrollment levels are down by 122 students which helped bring down class sizes, although there are still pockets of classes above the School Committees recommendations. Middle School enrollment has remained the same and High School enrollment has increased by six. She noted that we continue to have significant class size issues



International Reading Association. She also noted that this is the third year in a row that the High School placed on the College Boards Advanced Placement Honor Roll. Lastly, she provided the Committee with a facilities update. The brick work on the façade of the Keller/Sullivan Complex has been repaired. The repair to the granite curbing at the same complex has been deferred until April vacation as to not impact traffic.

- **School Committee Sub-Committee Reports:** Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Budget Sub-Committee met on Monday morning. They discussed the Capital Budget which she noted will come before the full Committee in January. They also discussed the FY15 Budget. Mr. Nutting discussed with the Sub-Committee the 5 year forecast.
- **School Committee Liaison Reports:** Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Joint JPCC met on Monday and discussed PARCC, the gifting process, lice and forming a 501(c)3.

**6. New Business:** Mrs. Trahan noted that the Franklin Downtown Partnership will decorate the downtown on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. The Holiday Stroll will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Executive Session:** Personnel Matter

**8. Adjourn:** 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 11-19-13.pdf

B2A.pdf

October 22, 2013SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

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