Franklin School Committee Minutes

October 8, 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:

A 9th grader from the High School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell and FHS representatives Maegan Schmauder and Thomas Downing were present. Also present were Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mrs. Rohrbach arrived late. Mrs. Sabolinski was not in attendance.

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 24, 2013 School

Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mr. Jewell

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

• Payment of Bills: Mrs. McIntyre

Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

• Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: Maegan noted that the Homecoming Dance will be held in the Field House this year on October 26th. *Cabaret* is being held Wednesday and Thursday evening. She also updated the Committee on fall sports. Thomas noted that students are working with guidance on the college application process.
- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual was noted.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. FHS Update: Mr. Light discussed with the Committee the High School's Core Values. He noted that over 280 community members participated in the process of coming up with these values that drive the culture of the school. He also discussed with the Committee AP Performance. AP classes are available to students in grades 10-12. 386 students are taking AP classes, which is an increase from last year, and 52% of the senior class are taking AP classes. In the future, Mr. Light would like to continue to expand access to AP classes and increase the percentage of students taking them.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy FF Naming Facilities Second Reading: Mrs. Trahan noted that there
 were no comments or concerns on this policy and it is slated for approval this
 evening as an Action Item.
- Class Size Update Mrs. Winslow noted that enrollment is down in the elementary schools and class sizes are within School Committee guidelines. There are pockets of high numbers above the guidelines at both the Middle and High School level. She further noted that she anticipates that we will need to look at adding teachers at both the Middle and High School level. They will continue to watch the enrollment trends and make recommendations for appropriate levels of staffing. Mrs. Rohrbach agreed and noted we need to start having conversations about adding positions back into the District.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend the School Committee re-appoint Dr. Anne Bergen to the Board of Directors of the Cable Committee for 2013-2014.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$6,000 from the Davis Thayer PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend adoption of Policy FF – Naming Facilities as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend approval of the request of Frank Fitzgerald for the recurring field trip for the Franklin Adventure Club at Remington Middle School to travel to Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH on October 19, 2013 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$408.04 from Target's Take Charge of Education Program for Remington.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$200 from the Jefferson PCC for inhouse enrichment for the Remington Best Buddies Program.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$15,000 from Franklin Youth Services for scholarships as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$125 from the Oak Street School for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

9. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$750 from MA General Hospital for in-house enrichment at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Winslow noted the tour of the High School project that occurred yesterday. She said that it was exciting to see the progress that was going on. She also noted that Oak Street was granted renewal of their NAEYC accreditation. She gave the Committee an update on the deteriorated curbing at the Keller/Sullivan complex. The curbing is expected to be replaced by November 10th. Lastly, she noted the Financial Committee approved their request to fund a technology specialist to assist with the move to the new High School.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Budget Sub-Committee met last week and discussed the Capital Budget as well as the FY15 Budget. Mrs. Trahan noted that the Wellness Sub-Committee also met last week and the meeting went well.

- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.
- **6. New Business:** Mrs. Trahan noted that Casino Night will be held November 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Elks.
- 7. Executive Session: Contractual Negotiations
- **8. Adjourn:** 8:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents: SCAgenda 10-8-13.pdf Budget2Actual.pdf Payroll Warrant #1406 earnings.pdf Payroll Warrant #1406.pdf

September 24, 2013 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

SCWarrant091913.pdf SCWarrant092613.pdf

Class Size Detail - Oct 2013.pdf

FF Naming Facilities Draft0-30-13.pdf

ActionA.pdf

ActionB.pdf

ActionC.pdf

ActionD.pdf

ActionE.pdf

ActionF.pdf

ActionG.pdf

ActionH.pdf

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10-8-13 Memo.pdf

Enrollmentcompare-Sept 2012-Sept2013.pdf

Solutions Fall Newsletter.pdf

Solutions map.pdf