

Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 24, 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 5th grader from the Jefferson School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, 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 there was a slight change made to Policy FF – Naming Facilities. The new version was given to the Committee this evening.
- Minutes:
I recommend approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2013 School Committee Meeting.
Motion: Mrs. Trahan
Approve: 6
Second: Mr. Jewel
- Payment of Bills:
Motion: Mrs. McIntyre
Approve: 6
Second: Mrs. Trahan
Mrs. McIntyre
- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: Mrs. Mullen introduced the two new FHS student representatives, Maegan Schmauder and Thomas Downing. Thomas is the Senior Class President, a peer mentor, a member of DECA as well as a member of the football team, ski club and track team. Maegan is President of Student Government and a member of the field hockey and lacrosse team.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Educational Assistant Contract Ratification: The EA contract was signed by Mr. Creedon and EA representatives. A number of EA's were on hand to discuss their disapproval of the new contract. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that this is a sustainable contract that will keep people employed.
- b. MCAS Overview: Mrs. Sabolinski and Mrs. Edwards noted that the MCAS results were just given last week. After they do some more analysis, they will come back to the Committee with a more comprehensive discussion. Mrs. Edwards did note that we continue to outperform other Districts in the State and over 89% of our students passed the test.
- c. PARCC Assessment: Mrs. Sabolinski and Mrs. Edwards noted that eight of our schools have been selected to participate in the PARCC field test which is scheduled for this spring. The State continues to work on a way to randomly select which classrooms and which students will participate in the test. The format of the test will be either a paper and pencil or a computer aided version. It was noted that most testing will be the computer aided version. PARCC testing will eventually replace MCAS and will be given twice a year - performance based assessments in both Math and ELA will be given in the spring as well as an end of year assessment in both Math and ELA.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- FHS Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the investigation surrounding an incident that occurred at the high school has been completed and all personnel actions have been taken.
- Policy FF – Naming Facilities - First Reading: Mrs. Trahan and Mrs. Winslow discussed the changes that have been made to the policy. This policy is slated to be moved to a second reading as an Action Item.

4. Action Items:

6. New Business: Mrs. Trahan noted that Casino Night will be held November 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Elks. She also noted that the Harvest Festival is October 6th.

7. Adjourn: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda9-24-13.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1405 earnings.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1405.pdf
September 10, 2013 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf
SC Warrant 091213.pdf
SC Warrant 090513.pdf
EA 13-14.pdf
EA 14-17.pdf
PARCC for SC.pdf
SC PP MCAS 2013 overview.pdf
FF Naming Facilities Draft 9-18-13.pdf
ActionA.pdf
ActionB.pdf
ActionC.pdf
ActionD.pdf
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ActionF.pdf
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