Franklin School Committee Minutes

January 29, 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:

Ryan Casey, a senior at Franklin High, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen and Mrs. Trahan were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mr. Jewell as well as the Nicole Higgins and Connor Morrissette, FHS representatives, were 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 January 15, 2013 School

Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

• Payment of Bills: Mrs. McIntyre

Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

• Payroll:

There was no payroll to approve at this evening's meeting.

- FHS Student Representatives: Nicole Higgins and Connor Morrissette were not in attendance at this evening's meeting; however, Ryan Casey was in attendance. Ryan, a senior at the high school as well as a Representative of the State Board of Education, updated the Committee on the Board of Education meeting he attended earlier in the day. He noted that the Board discussed college and career readiness. Mrs. Sabolinski added that we are doing a nice job of preparing students for post secondary education. Data shows that Franklin is low in the number of students that need to take remedial courses at State level colleges.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. FEF Grants Awards: Maureen Roy, President, and Kit Brady, Grants Committee Chair, were on hand to present several grants to the faculty. Grants totaling \$14,813 were presented this evening. Since 1997, the FEF has raised over \$240,000 to fund 175 grants.
- b. FHS Update: Peter Light, Chrystal Hoe, David Soulard and Ryan Casey updated the Committee on the high school's School Improvement Plan. It was noted that the PSAT's are now paid for by the District as well as given during the school day as a means of making it more accessible to everyone. Mr. Light discussed the process of developing school wide core values that will eventually come before the Committee for adoption. They also discussed Blended Learning. They have had great success with itslearning as well as naviance. Ms. Hoe showed the Committee how she uses itslearning in her French classes. Mr. Soulard discussed with the Committee how naviance has improved the college application process.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- 2013-2014 Calendar Adoption: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that they have color coded the calendar to make it easier for parents and guardians to read.
- 2012-2013 Calendar Change Date: It is recommended to move a ½ elementary professional development day from April to June.

Adoption of the 2013-2014 calendar and approval of the 2012-2013 calendar date change are slated for approval as Action Items.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of the 2013-2014 School Calendar as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

2. I recommend a change to the 2012-2013 calendar moving ½ elementary professional day from April 12, 2013 to June 10, 2013 as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

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

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

4. I recommend approval of the request of Peter Light to declare library materials surplus as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. I recommend approval of the request of the FHS Foreign Language Department to travel to New York City on April 20-22, 2013 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

6. I recommend acceptance of a donation of a Nikon N5005 Camera, Lenses and Camera Case valued at \$100 from Lea Rice for Franklin High School.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the Town Council has approved our Capital Plan requests. She also noted that the high school project is moving along nicely and that the MSBA will visit the site on Thursday. Mrs. Mullen added that Mr. Mercer will attend the next School Committee meeting to update the Committee on the project. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that a tour of the Davis Thayer school will be given on February 7th.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy Sub-Committee met earlier in the day. They will have the Wellness Policy ready for a first reading at the next meeting. They also continue to review the current Policy Manual. Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Budget Sub-Committee met on Friday. They continue to discuss the FY14 budget. A public hearing on the budget is slated for February 26th.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.
- **6. New Business:** Mrs. Trahan noted that the Trivia Bee will be held on March 21st. Mrs. Mullen noted that Davis Thayer would like a School Committee member to attend their Community Reading Day which is scheduled for March 6th.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations
- Approval of the January 15, 2013 Executive Session Minutes

8. Adjourn: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents:

SCAgenda 1-29-13.pdf

January 15, 2013 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Frankli Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

SCWarrant011013.pdf

SCWarrant011713.pdf

SCWarrant012413.pdf

FHS Update 1-29-13.pdf 12-13 Calendar RedoA.pdf

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13-14 Calendar NEW Draft-A.pdf

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ActionA.pdf

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PSAT Performance Summary Class of 2014 for SC 2.pdf

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