# Franklin School Committee Minutes

#### July 16, 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: Mrs. Mullen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan and Mr. Jewell were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski and Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

#### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: No changes to the Agenda.
- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2013 School Committee Meeting. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Approve: 7

• Payment of Bills: Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Approve: 7 Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Douglas

- Payroll: Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.
- FHS Student Representatives: The FHS student representatives are on summer recess.

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#### 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. There were no Guest or Presentations at this evening's meeting.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Van Pool Update Ms. Sabolinski noted that they have signed a contract with Van Pool. This decision came after soliciting feedback from parents; touring their vans and finding they were impeccable. All proposals were delivered on time. Ms. Goodman advised that this new contract with Van Pool will realize approximately an \$80,000.00 savings for Franklin public Schools. Ms. Sabolinski advised that there will be a meet and greet at Parmenter before the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.
- Enrollment Update Ms. Sabolinski advised that in April there were 270 kindergarteners and as of now it is 309. There was an additional 39 students enrolled. This number is lower than previous years. Ms. Sabolinski also advised across the Commonwealth there seems to be a lower birth rate.

The K-12 Enrollment – Jefferson will be adding a Grade 4 classroom due to a variety of needs at that grade level. Oak Street will be adding a Grade 4 classroom, Keller a Grade 3 classroom and both Parmenter and Keller will each be adding a Grade 5 classroom.

Principals meet every Thursday to work collaborately on where to assign teachers.

## 4. Action Items:

 I recommend approval of two DECA trips: State Competition in Boston MA 3/6/14-3/8/14; and the International Competition in Atlanta, GA from 5/2/14 – 5/7/14 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$430.00 from the Davis Thayer PCC for music equipment.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach	Second:	Mrs.	Trahan
Approval: 7			

 I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1500.00 from Fidelity Charitable Gift Foundation for a field trip for FHS. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7 Second: M

- 4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$310.00 from AIM Management Inc. for ASMS. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7 5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2600.00 from the Franklin Music Boosters for the FPS Music Department. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7 6. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a Clarinet, valued at approximately \$150.00 from Susan Childers for the Franklin Music Program. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7 7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$800.00 from the Franklin Music Boosters for the FPS Music Department. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7
- 8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$218.58 from Ahold Financial Service for Remington Middle School. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7
- 9. I recommend approval of the request of FHS to declare Tech. items as surplus as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

#### **5. Information Matters:**

• Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that all summer programs kicked off after July 4<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that a letter was received by a parent regarding Mr. Chaffee's math camp and how great it was and suggested running it more often in the summer. There have been no personnel issues.

Mrs. Sabolinski also noted that the results of the calendar survey were in and that this survey had double the response rate from a previous survey done in 2007. Mrs. Sabolinski believes this is because of several notices being sent directly to emails and that it didn't have too many questions to answer.

Starting school before or after Labor Day came in with 10% more for starting after Labor Day. They will have their wish next year as the new High School is on schedule and there is a July 1, 2014 demolition date for the current Franklin

High School, therefore school will not begin until after labor day to allow extra time for acclamation to the new high school.

The vacation model was 50/50% to try to change to a March vacation. The calendar would need to be done 2 years in advance so that parents can plan.

There was a 10% difference in agreement that there should be no school on the day before Thanksgiving.

The Schedule for the Monday/Friday Professional Development days are parent friendly.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: No new information discussed at this time.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.
- 6. New Business: No new business discussed at this time.

#### 7. Executive Session:

- Educational Assistant Contractual Negotiations
- 8. Adjourn: 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Childers

List of documents:
SCAgenda 7-16-13.pdf
June 25, 2013 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1326 summary.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1326.pdf
Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf
SCWarrant 062713.pdf
SCWarrant062013.pdf
CalendarSurveySummary_07092013.pdf
PROJECTED Enrollment 7-12-13.pdf
ActionA.pdf
ActionB.pdf
ActionC.pdf
ActionD.pdf
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