

# Franklin School Committee Minutes

July 17, 2012

## Municipal Building – Council Chambers

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:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Trahan and Mr. Jewell were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mrs. Winslow was not in attendance. The FHS representatives are on summer recess.

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 June 26, 2012 School Committee Meeting.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approve: 7
  
- Payment of Bills: Mrs. McIntyre  
Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approve: 7
  
- Payroll:  
There was no payroll to review for this evening’s meeting.
  
- FHS Student Representatives: The FHS student representatives are on summer recess.

- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

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

- a. Mrs. Sabolinski introduced to the Committee the three new members of the administrative team - Linda Ashley is the new principal at Jefferson, Evemarie McNeil is the new principal at Davis Thayer and Barbara Sherman is the new FHS Assistant Principal for Student Services. She further commented that they have all hit the ground running and that we are lucky to have recruited these three women.
- b. Whitsons – Food Service Presentation: Joe Armenti, District Manager, and Kyle Parson, Chef, spoke to the Committee. Mr. Armenti highlighted some of the successes from this past year and discussed his hopes for the upcoming year. He also noted they have already implemented much of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act and Massachusetts School Nutrition Bill. Letters will be sent home to parents noting what changes they can expect to see this year as a result of these new laws. Mr. Armenti noted that he would like to work more closely with parents and PCC's to see what they can do to improve the program. Mrs. Goodman noted that a Food Services Advisory Committee will also be established this year for the same purpose. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that it was a superb decision to go with Whitsons – noting that we have a good, positive partnership.

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

- Remote Participation: Mrs. Mullen noted that the Town Council recently adopted a resolution that allows members to participate in meetings remotely if they are unable to attend. She read part of their resolution to the Committee. She then asked for any suggested modifications. Mrs. Rohrbach thought the 4-hour notice of absence was too short and thought 48-hours notice is more appropriate. Mrs. Trahan noted she was unsure if the meeting should be delayed for technical difficulties. She then suggested that it be noted in the minutes that the member tried to participate remotely, technical difficulties were encountered and note the time the call ended. Mr. Jewell suggested we limit the number of absences. It was suggested by the Committee either 2 or 3 per year. It was then determined to try a year with no restrictions and then revisit in a year to see if modifications need to be made with regards to this. It was noted that this will become a policy. It will come back in 1<sup>st</sup> reading form at a future meeting.

## **4. Action Items:**

The Kennedy School PCC introduced themselves to the Committee and spoke about their efforts to raise over \$100,000 for a new inclusive playground. They noted how grateful they were for all the support they received from the community, parents and students.

1. I recommend acceptance of the donation of the JF Kennedy School Inclusive Playground by the JFK PCC valued at \$114,830.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7  
Second: Mrs. Trahan
2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$453.42 from A+ School Rewards for the Franklin High School.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7  
Second: Mrs. Trahan
3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$66.94 from A+ School Rewards for Remington Middle School.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7  
Second: Mrs. Trahan
4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$792.85 from Life Touch for Davis Thayer Elementary School.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7  
Second: Mrs. Trahan
5. I recommend acceptance of \$50 cash from Oak Street School’s fifth grade class for Oak Street Elementary School.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7  
Second: Mrs. Trahan
6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$775.25 from All American Publishing for the Athletic Department at FHS.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7  
Second: Mrs. Trahan
7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,600 from the Parmenter PCC for supplies for Parmenter School.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7  
Second: Mrs. Trahan

**5. Information Matters:**

- Superintendent’s Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the modulars at the Parmenter school are coming down over the next few weeks. She also noted that the summer programs got off to a flying start. Pandora Carlucci will come in to a future meeting to discuss. There have been additional retirements since the end of the school year, she noted that principals are in the process of hiring staff. She also noted that the new website went live today – however, there are a few kinks that still need to be worked out. She and Mr. Light have met with Futuristics Research Inc. – a data collection company. They will work with them to collect data on the progress of post high school students. The last survey was done in

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Budget Sub-Committee met this morning. They discussed a family cap on athletic fees. This topic will be discussed further at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with Mr. Sidwell.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Long Range Financial Committee has completed their work. A report on their findings can be found on the Town website.

**6. New Business:** No new information discussed at this time.

**7. Adjourn:** 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents

SCAgenda 7-17-12.pdf  
 June 26, 2012 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf  
 Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf  
 SCWarrant062112.pdf  
 SCWarrant062812.pdf  
 SCWarrant 063012 #1.pdf  
 Barbara Sherman.pdf  
 Evemarie McNeil.pdf  
 Linda Ashley.pdf  
 RemoteParticipation.pdf  
 ActionA.pdf  
 ActionB.pdf  
 ActionC.pdf  
 ActionD.pdf  
 ActionE.pdf  
 ActionF.pdf  
 ActionG.pdf  
 Enrollmentcompare-June 2011-2012.pdf