# Franklin School Committee Minutes

March 26, 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:

Two fifth graders from the Parmenter School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell and FHS representative Connor Morrissette were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, and other invited guests. Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and FHS representative Nicole Higgins were not in attendance.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

#### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: There was one change to the Agenda. JF Kennedy will present their update before Horace Mann.
- Minutes:

   I recommend approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2013 School Committee Meeting.
   Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Approve: 7
- Payment of Bills: Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Approve: 7

Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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

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- FHS Student Representative: Connor noted that seniors had their Senior Banquet on Friday at Lake Pearl and that sophomores took MCAS last week. He also updated the Committee on winter sports. He acknowledged the boys and girls basketball teams as well as the boys hockey team stating they all had an incredible season.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

### 2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. JF Kennedy Update: Joan Toye, Abigail Dressler and Kate Merten updated the Committee on math achievement at the school. The school has had high or very high achievement scores in math over the past years; however, there is an achievement gap especially amongst those with special needs. Through the School Improvement Plan and programs that provide targeted intervention services the school met their target goal in 2012. Mrs. Merten, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, also noted that math instruction is changing from teacher directed to a workshop model which she feels enables them to cover material more deeply.
- b. Horace Mann Update: Shawn Fortin showed the Committee two videos. The first video was about after school offerings. A brief description of each after school club was given. Mr. Fortin noted that nearly half the students participate in after school clubs. The second video was on the school wide read of *The Hobbit*. It was noted that 188 students participated in the school wide read and 40 students were selected to see the movie premier in Boston.

There was a two minute recess.

# 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy JII Student Complaints and Grievances Second Reading: There were no additional comments. This Policy is slated for approval as an Action Item.
- Policy JFAB Student Moving Procedures Second Reading: There were no additional comments. This Policy is slated for approval as an Action Item.
- End of School Year: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the last day of school is currently scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> and will be a ½ day. She also noted that if parents have a conflict with a planned vacation, they may contact their child's principle who will work with them regarding this situation. Lastly, she stated that it has been about seven years since the last calendar survey was given to parents. A survey will be given in the near future.

# 4. Action Items:

- I recommend approval of the budget transfers as detailed. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Approval: 7
   Second: Mrs. Trahan
- I recommend adoption of the FY14 Budget in the amount of \$54,310,000.
   Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the budget amount is different from our last meeting. Mr. Nutting rounded the amount up by \$2,100.

I recommend adoption of Policy JII – Student Complaints and Grievances as discussed.
 Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
 Second: Mrs. Trahan

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    4. I recommend adoption of Policy JFAB – Student Moving Procedures as discussed.
    Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan
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Approval: 7

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 5. I recommend acceptance of checks totaling \$266 from Kelly Cannon, Deidre Sassaman and the Music Boosters for the Music Department. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

 6. I recommend acceptance of the donation of four brand new ipad 2's valued at \$1,800 from the Franklin Elks for elementary students. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

Mrs. Sabolinski thanked the Elks for their fundraising efforts and noted that these ipad 2's will be used for children with disabilities.

 7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$100 from Doherty, Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon, PC for FHS. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
 Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$1,000 from Jane Sabolinski and Michael & Maureen Sabolinski for the Donald D. Sabolinski scholarship fund at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. RohrbachSecond: Mrs. TrahanApproval: 77

9. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$840 from Remington PCC for inhouse enrichment.

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

#### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the budget was presented to the Finance Committee and will move on to the Town Council for approval. She acknowledged the incredible accomplishments of the boys hockey team and was proud to see such great sportsmanship amongst students and the community at the game. The High School project continues to be on schedule despite the weather. Once the weather gets warmer, she will schedule a tour of the project for the Committee. A tour of Keller Sullivan is schedule for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Lastly, she noted that Best Buddies is holding a dodge ball tournament fundraiser on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy Sub-Committee met this morning and continue to review the Policy Manual.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach noted that she attended the Joint PCC meeting along with Mrs. Sabolinski, Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Goodman. They discussed the budget, the school calendar and gifting. She also noted that the new format of meeting twice a year has worked out well.
- 6. New Business: No new information discussed at this time.
- 7. Executive Session: There was no need for an Executive Session this evening.
- 8. Adjourn: 8:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents: SCAgenda 3-26-13.pdf March 12, 2013 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf Payroll Warrant #1318.pdf Payroll Warrant #1318 summary.pdf Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf SCWarrant030713.pdf SCWarrant031413.pdf Hobbit Presentation.pdf Math Instruction at Kennedy.pdf JFAB-Student Moving Procedures-New.pdf JII-Student Complaints and Grievances-New.pdf ActionA.pdf ActionB.pdf

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