

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

July 12, 2011

Municipal Building – Council Chambers

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. Mr. Roy

Mr. Roy read the Districts Vision and Mission Statements. 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. The Mission Statement reads the Franklin Public Schools, in collaboration with the community, will cultivate each student's intellectual, social, emotional and physical potential through rigorous academic inquiry and informed problem solving skills within a safe, nurturing and respectful environment.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan and Mr. Glynn were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski and Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator. Sally Winslow, Assistant Superintendent, was not in attendance. The FHS student 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 28, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6 Abstain: 1

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 7

- 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.

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

2. Guests/Presentations: There were not guests/presentations at this evening's meeting.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Budget Discussion/Adoption of FY12 Budget: The School Department originally requested \$52,400,000. Attrition and remaining money from the Jobs Bill Fund enabled that amount to be reduced to \$51,410,000. Last year, the School Department was given \$1.1 million through the Jobs Bill Fund. They used half of that money last year, which enabled them to hire back teachers in the fall, and saved half of the money to pay for teachers this year. It is important to note that this money will not be available next year. Mr. Cafasso stated that it was wise of the District to set aside half of the Jobs Bill Funds for this year. However, because of this, he noted that we are already \$850,000 short for the next budget cycle. Mr. Cafasso asked if any teaching positions have been lost this budget cycle. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that 10 teaching positions, 2 EA positions and an administration position have been eliminated.

- Policy JNN – Head Injuries & Concussion in Extracurricular Activities – Second Reading: There have been no further changes to this policy. This policy is slated for approval as an Action Item.

- Policy JKG – Educational Services in the home or hospital – Second Reading: There have been no further changes to this policy. This policy is slated for approval as an Action Item.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of Policy JNN – Head Injuries & Concussion in Extracurricular Activities.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend adoption of Policy JKG – Education Services in home or hospital.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of the donation of an upright Bass from

Christopher Richards valued at \$3,400 for the FHS Band.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$501.14 from Stop & Shop for Horace Mann Middle School in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,000 from the Parmenter PCC for supplies for the Parmenter Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend adoption of the FY11-12 School District budget in the amount of \$51,410,000.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

Mr. Cafasso wanted to remind parents that due to the loss of teachers, class sizes will be an issue. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we will discuss class sizes in August.

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$250 from Middlesex Savings Bank for district-wide enrichment and supplies.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that class sizes will be an issue this year and she will have a full report with recommendations at the August meeting. She noted that next week the Committee is invited to view Hudson High School, Shrewsbury High School, Ashland High School and Whitman Hanson High School. These are all MSBA approved Model Schools that will be considered for the High School renovation project. She also noted that the new administrators hit the ground running on June 30th and are doing an excellent job. Finally, she stated that the Kennedy School administration has moved to the Oak Street School for the summer due to HVAC work being performed at the Kennedy School.

- 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:

- Mr. Roy wanted to note that the next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2011.

7. Adjourn: 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker