

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 13, 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:

Three 5th grade students from the Davis Thayer School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Glynn and FHS representatives Susan Mullen and Sarah MacLellan were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests.

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 August 23, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

- 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: Mr. Roy welcomed the two new FHS Student Representatives, Susan Mullen and Sarah MacLellan. He added that the Committee looks forward to their reports and encourages them to voice their opinions during the meetings. Susan and Sarah noted that the school year is off to a great start with freshman elections taking place next week. The sports teams are doing well and the Fall Sports Kick-Off, which is open to the community, will take place this Saturday, September 17th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

- Correspondence: Mr. Roy asked that any questions or comments on the Budget to Actual be forwarded to Mrs. Rohrbach for discussion at the next meeting.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Strategic Plan: Mrs. Sabolinski, Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Edwards spoke to the Committee on the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Sabolinski started by saying we are in year three of this five year plan. The Strategic Plan is reflective of a comprehensive and inclusive effort to seek feedback and information from the community on its' expectations and goals for all students in the District. This plan allows the District to respond to emerging trends, events, challenges and opportunities within the framework of the District's vision, mission and core values. She noted that last year we shifted our focus from teaching to learning. This philosophical shift to focus the instructional program on learning has driven the direction of the program and how we use community resources given to the District.

b. District Improvement Plan: Mrs. Sabolinski, Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Edwards spoke to the Committee about the District Improvement Plan (DIP). The DIP articulates the goals and strategies that inform the educational program for all students. It was developed through a comprehensive review of a variety of student data and aligns with the Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Committee on August 11, 2009. On a monthly basis, administrators review the plan to ensure they are working towards full implementation. More focus is needed on updating K-12 writing rubrics as well as guidelines for instructional writing genres.

## 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Enrollment Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the Committee was given a preliminary look at enrollment based on the first day of school. There is increased enrollment across the District in grade three. Third grade class sizes

now range from 26-27 students. There is also increased enrollment in kindergarten at both Kennedy and Oak Street Elementary. Mrs. Sabolinski also noted that students are still transitioning into and out of the District. More accurate numbers will be presented at a future meeting.

#### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,480 from the Hockomock YMCA for a Shape Up Grant for the Franklin High School for in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$242.28 from Douglas Lee for in-house enrichment at the Franklin High School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

#### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski thanked the Committee with assisting in the decision to defer the opening of school due to Tropical Storm Irene. Two-thirds of the Town was without power as well as two schools. She also commented that she was thrilled with the response she got from Town Officials. She noted that the School Building Committee selected Ai3 Architects, who designed the Whitman Hanson High School, as the architect for the High School project. She mentioned that it was a quiet opening to school despite scheduling glitches at the high school where they are also still working on getting the parent portal up and running. Finally, she mentioned that Joyce Edwards will come back to give the Committee an overview of the AYP data at a future meeting.

Mr. Cafasso asked about transportation – Mrs. Goodman noted that about 30 students are on the waiting list. By the end of the week, they hope to re-route some busses to accommodate those students. Mr. Roy suggested that we invite the group responsible for the Aspen X2 system to a meeting to discuss their poor service performance.

- 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:

- Mrs. Trahan noted that the annual Casino Night will be held on Saturday, November 5th. Proceeds help support the Franklin Education Foundation and our schools. Mr. Roy noted that he ran into a former FHS student representative who informed him that the Franklin public schools well prepared him for

college, especially in the area of writing. Mr. Roy also noted that only six persons have taken out nomination papers for the School Committee and seven seats are available. If anyone has an interest, he recommends taking out nomination papers.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker