

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 27, 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:

A 5th grader from the Jefferson 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 September 13, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

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: Susan noted that students have acclimated to the new schedule of five classes a day which allows greater time for teachers to cover material. She also noted that auditions for One Flew Over the Cookoo's Nest are happening. Sarah noted that the Fall Sports Kickoff was a huge success and students are accessing a new website called itslearning.com which is proving very useful.

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

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. FHS School Improvement Plan: Mr. Light and Mr. Lima presented the School Improvement Plan. Mr. Light started by noting two big changes at the high school – the schedule change and the implementation of Aspen. He commented the schedule change has been overwhelmingly positive with both staff and students. Progress continues to be made with the Aspen, although slow. Issues continue to be with the parent portal because of the way contact information is stored. The student portal will roll out next week and he asks students to share access with their parents until the issue with the parent portal has been resolved.

Mr. Light recognized the different members of the School Improvement Team and noted that the Committee was given the full plan for review. He commented that there has been significant improvement on special education ELA MCAS scores. He stated that the crux of improvement was due to sound data analysis. He noted stagnation in math and math teachers are looking to gain more access to data in hopes of seeing the same positive results the ELA teachers saw. He also noted that they have implemented the initial stages of the bullying program.

b. Lifelong Learning Highlights/Summer Update: Kristy Yankee and Kristen Cerce updated the committee on the success of the High School Experience. This program, in its fourth year, hosted 230 students. They focus on the transition into high school, become acquainted with the schools website and meet with mentors amongst other activities. Mr. Light noted that he can see the difference in students – freshman walk into school on the first day feeling very confident. Jeff Chaffee, Math CET, spoke on the math enrichment program offered to students entering kindergarten through 5th grade. They worked on logic puzzles, pattern art, probability games, math story re-enactments, etc. Other programs offered included a summer art institute, solutions, summer music program, and a course on writing your college essay. Pandora Carlucci

summarized by saying that the Lifelong Learning Program aims to supplement, complement and extend the learning experience. Mr. Roy noted the level of enthusiasm the teachers bring to the program and appreciates the level of offerings.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Transportation Update: Mrs. Goodman noted that they are implementing the recommendations from the Operations Review of Transportation report. They are continuing to review routes and ridership and will look into the possibility of consolidating routes. She also noted that we are in the last year of our transportation contract and will put the contract out to bid soon.
- Finalizing the Superintendent Evaluation: Mr. Roy noted they are excited to roll out the new DESE evaluation process. Mrs. Sabolinski will be the first to be evaluated under this new process.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of the FHS School Improvement Plan as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$750 from Supervalu Inc. for the Franklin High School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$187.53 from Supervalu Inc. for the Franklin High School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$230.99 from Target for in-house enrichment at Horace Mann Middle School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$5,000 from the Keller PCC for field trips for all Keller students.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$8,000 from the Davis Thayer PCC for field trips and in-house enrichment for Davis Thayer students.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend approval of Budget Transfers as detailed.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

8. I recommend approval of the FHS field trip to New Hampshire to hear presidential candidates speak in January 2012 as detailed.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

It was noted that the exact date for this trip has not yet been finalized, but nonetheless, Mr. Walsh wanted approval.

9. I recommend adoption of the FEA Contract 2010-2012 as detailed.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

Mr. Roy was happy to report a deal has been reached with the contract. After a year in which the union agreed to a salary freeze, their accepted contract affords a 0% raise in year one, a 1% raise in year two and .5% raise on the last day of the contract. It was noted that interest based bargained will be used in future negotiations.

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that she is excited about the train the trainer initiative in which two representatives from each building will attend a training on bullying and then in turn train others in the building. She also noted that MCAS results have been mailed.
- 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. Tickets for the event will go on sale soon. She also mentioned that a former FHS student representative, Jennie Coughlin, has published a book entitled Thrown Out: Stories from Exeter. It is available on Amazon.com.

7. Adjourn: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker