

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

October 25, 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:

Two fifth graders from the Kennedy 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: Mr. Roy noted that an additional Action Item will be added to the Agenda.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 11, 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: Sarah acknowledged the girls cross country, field hockey, volleyball and soccer teams who all won Hockomock championships. She also mentioned the High School is trying to start a new traditional - a school wide tailgate - for the last home football game. Susan noted that an informal survey has been conducted on the food services program and she stated that Panther Pride night was very successful.

- Correspondence: Mr. Roy acknowledged the letter from the FEA and noted that Interest Based Bargaining is being used to negotiate a new contract.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. School Improvement Plans: The principles from the Kennedy, Jefferson and Parmenter elementary schools were on hand to share with the Committee their school's improvement plans. Each school continues with the Literacy Initiative goal this year and will implement the new phonics program Foundations as well as writers workshop. Each school also continues to work on the Response to Intervention goal, will recommit to the Open Circle Program as a means of teaching social skills, and will continue to focus on making gains with students who struggle in math, as well as school specific goals.

A five minute recess was taken.

b. Performance Based Evaluation Pilot: Chandler Creedon, President of the FEA, and Donna Grady, Vice President of the FEA, joined Mrs. Sabolinski and Mrs. Winslow to give an overview of the Performance Based Evaluation Pilot Program. They noted that the 'old' evaluation process gave way to a sense of distrust and feel this new paradigm creates a more collaborative work environment between teachers and administrators. Historically, evaluation systems focused on the teacher and not on the student learning outcomes. This will change with the new system. Teachers will be assessed based on student performance. This program will become effective across the State in 2013.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- School Committee Calendar Change: Mrs. Mullen noted that the School Committee meeting scheduled for November 29th has been moved to November 15th. On November 29th and December 6th, the School Committee, along with the FEA, will participate in an Interest Based Bargaining training.

- Superintendent's Goals: Mrs. Sabolinski stated that she has presented the Committee with the final copy of her goals. Some of her goals are to support

the new High School building project, implement and supervise the new Performance Based Evaluation Pilot Program, look into more blended and online learning programs for students, and develop a School Committee website. She noted that she will keep the Committee apprised of attainment of these goals.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the field trip for Kennedy 3rd and 5th graders to the Veterans Auditorium in Providence, RI on April 12, 2012 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip for the FHS Drama Club to travel to NY City to see "Rent" on November 19, 2011 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$443.53 from Target for in-house enrichment for the Franklin High School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$5,000 from the Jefferson PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,750 from the Oak Street PCC for in-house enrichment at Oak Street Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of the donation of \$530.50 from the Oak Street PCC for a field trip.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend approval of the FHS Field trip to France and Spain in June 2012 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend changing the School Committee meeting calendar to reflect a regularly scheduled meeting on November 15th and November 29th as training/workshop with FEA as discussed.

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

9. I recommend approval of the Superintendent's goals as discussed.

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

10. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$242.28 from Wells Fargo/Douglas Lee for in-house enrichment.

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

11. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$700 from the Kennedy PCC for a 3rd grade field trip.

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

12. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$125 from the Kennedy PCC for Nurse fee for a 3rd grade field trip.

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

13. I recommend approval of the FHS field trip to Brown University in Providence, RI on November 5th and 6th as detailed.

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

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that Panther Pride night was a huge success and well attended. Over 400 parents attended the showing of Race to Nowhere. Those who could not attend have requested another showing. Mrs. Winslow added thanks to those who volunteered to be a part of the panel that evening. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we will continue our partnership with Boston College and Dr. Ladd – we will be a part of a grant program which will focus on math and common assessments. She will have more information on this at a future meeting. Finally, she will form a survey to see how the implementation of Whitson's food service is going.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mr. Cafasso noted that the School Building Committee met last evening. He noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 7 p.m. A community wide meeting will take place at the Horace Mann auditorium on November 17th which will provide an update to the community on the project. Mr. Roy noted that the Bullying Task Force also met last evening to discuss how the policy is working. He noted that overall, it is quite favorable.

6. New Business:

- Mrs. Trahan noted that the annual Casino Night will be held on Saturday, November 5th. She also noted that the Kennedy School's fun run is this Saturday, October 29th at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Mullen presented both Mr. Roy and Mr. Glynn with a gift from the School Committee as both are not seeking re-election for their positions on the School Committee. She noted the innumerable hours they have served and thanked them both for the service they have brought to the School Committee over the years.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker