

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

November 15, 2011

Municipal Building – Council Chambers

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Mullen

Mrs. Mullen 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 Oak Street School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Jewell 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 November 9, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 4 Abstain: 3

- FHS Student Representatives: Susan noted that parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 17th and Monday, November 21st. Due to recent power outages, the term was extended, and report cards will not go out

until next Tuesday. Parents are encouraged to check their student's grades online before attending conferences. She also mentioned that this week is Spirit Week and Homecoming is this Saturday. Sarah mentioned that the National Honor Society held a very successful canned food drive for the Franklin Food Pantry. She also mentioned that a very successful fall sports season is coming to an end. The last football game will be a home game, on Thanksgiving Day, at 10 a.m.

- Correspondence: Mrs. Mullen acknowledged the Budget to Actual.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. School Improvement Plans – The principles from the Oak Street, Helen Keller and Davis Thayer 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 writer's workshop. Each school also continues to work on the Response to Intervention goal and will continue to focus on making gains with students who struggle in math, as well as school specific goals.

Mrs. Sabolinski wanted to acknowledge Mrs. Vincentsen and Mrs. Wilson, who are new to the District. She commented on how challenging it is to come into a District and have to implement plans already developed. She also gave credit to all the principals whom have to analyze MCAS data and immediately start implementing intervention for students.

b. MCAS: Joyce Edwards presented to the Committee the MCAS data. Over 90% of Franklin students passed the MCAS with some tests showing a passing rate of 99% - yet we still did not meet AYP. She noted that we can be a high performing District and still not meet AYP targets. AYP shows the progress schools and Districts are making toward the goal of having all students reach proficiency for both ELA and Math by 2014. She noted that we will continue to focus on data analysis to inform instruction. We will also continue to focus on open response questions in both ELA and Math and will add to the curriculum test taking strategies. We must align the curriculum with the new Massachusetts ELA and Math Curriculum Frameworks. MCAS testing will change to reflect the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and will be phased out by 2015. A new test will take its place – PARCC – The Partnership of Readiness for College and Careers. Massachusetts is part of a 24 state consortium developing this next generation of assessments.

3. Discussion Only Items: There were no Discussion Only Items this evening.

## 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of all Elementary School's School Improvement

Plans as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$116.82 from Target for In-House Enrichment at Remington Middle School.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000 from Hockomock Y Healthy Futures Grant for the Annie Sullivan MS gift account.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$600 from the ECDC PCC for supplies from ECDC.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a donation of a piano from Carole Preble for the Kennedy Elementary School (\$500 value).

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of the donation of piano moving services from Gallo Moving & Storage for the above mentioned piano to Kennedy Elementary School (\$350 value).

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski wanted to thank all those who helped the community get through the power outages – including school personnel – specifically Mr. Peri whose school became a shelter for the Town, school nurses who dispensed medications to members of the community and Whitson's Food Services who provided meals. In January, she will have a discussion on the school calendar; but as of now, we still have six more 'snow' days. She also noted that we have some unanticipated retirements that will happen mid-year. These positions have been posted and the interviewing process has begun. In lieu of the Town Council voting to reduce the school department's budget, she has decided to freeze the budget for the next 4-6 weeks so she can assess spending and identify what spending is most essential. Lastly, she noted that the High School has been placed on the College Boards list of best performing Advanced Placement Programs.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Mullen mentioned that the School Building Committee met last evening. The first public hearing on the

proposed new high school will be November 17th at the Horace Mann Auditorium at 7 p.m. Mrs. Sabolinski added that the Space Needs Summary and Floor Plans have been submitted to the DESE for approval.

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

6. New Business:

- Mrs. Trahan wanted to thank the community for supporting the FEF Casino Night.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker