



Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.

- FHS Student Representatives: Sarah noted that seniors, as well as a few juniors and sophomores, will begin their AP testing on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The testing will run for two weeks. May 1<sup>st</sup> is decision day for seniors – it is the day they need to send in deposits to the colleges they will attend in the fall. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a town wide band concert will be held at the Horace Mann Auditorium at 7 p.m. Lastly, she noted that the Junior Prom will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Susan noted that May 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to update course selections for next year.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening’s meeting.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Art/FAA Update: Jane Hogan updated the Committee on the K-12 Arts program as well as the Franklin Arts Academy (FAA). Goals of the Arts program are to develop the creative minds, art skills and problem solving abilities of all students – all while implementing a robust arts curriculum that meets MA curriculum frameworks. The FAA, which is in its second year, enables students to become more engaged in their own learning by utilizing arts integrated lessons in academic classes. Students were on hand to speak of the program and noted how disconnected they felt to school before entering the academy. It was noted that many students involved in the program have seen a significant increase in their GPA’s since entering the academy.

A five-minute recess was taken.

- b. FY2013 Budget Open Hearing: Mrs. Rohrbach made a motion to open the 2013 Budget Hearing:

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach

Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

Mrs. Sabolinski noted that they are coming forward with a level service budget and do not anticipate any staff reductions or layoffs. Mrs. Goodman gave a brief presentation on the numbers. The budget amount is \$52,710,000 which is an increase of \$1,650,000 or 3.23% from the current FY2012 budget. She noted that budget drivers continue to be healthcare costs and contractual obligations. At this point, Mrs. Mullen read each line item from the budget. Committee members were instructed to say “hold” if they had any questions on a line item. There were twelve holds, each of which were addressed and answered by Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Sabolinski. Mrs. Rohrbach noted how we spend 20% less per pupil than the State average. She commented on how we need to start thinking of how we can slowly start to increase the budget – noting that we can’t become complacent with a level service budget. Mrs. Rohrbach made a motion to close the 2013 budget hearing.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

A five-minute recess was taken.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Collaborative Agreement: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that new legislation requires reform to the way Collaboratives do business. As a result, amendments have been made to the Collaborative Agreement with regards to Inactive Membership and the Board Meeting Schedule – both of which will be voted on this evening as Action Items.

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$728.48 from the Hockomock Y (Stop & Shop mini grant) for supplies for Parmenter Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,778 from the Parmenter PCC for Field Trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

3. I recommend approval of the Budget Transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$780 from the Horace Mann PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,165 from the Franklin Music Boosters for In-House enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

6. I recommend approval of the field trip request of Nancy Shoen for middle school music students to Canobie Lake Park on June 8<sup>th</sup> as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach  
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

7. I recommend approval of amendment number 1 to the Agreement with Bi-County Collaborative titled *Inactive Membership* as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach

Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend approval of amendment number 2 that outlines the annual meeting schedule for the Board of Directors of the Bi-County Collaborative as outlined in the memo.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach

Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

#### **5. Information Matters:**

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that Ms. Ashley has accepted the position of principal at Jefferson Elementary. She will be introduced to the Committee at an upcoming meeting. The search for the principal at Davis Thayer will begin next week. Lastly, she noted that the middle school musical program won three gold medals at this weekend's competition.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Douglas noted that the Space Needs Sub-Committee met on April 10<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the removal of the modulars that will take place over the summer. The next meeting will occur in September – date to be determined.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

**6. New Business:** No new information discussed at this time.

#### **7. Executive Session:**

- Contractual Negotiations

**8. Adjourn:** 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents

SCAgenda 4-24-12.pdf

April 10, 2012 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1221 earnings.pdf

Payroll Warrant #1221 summary.pdf

Franklin Public Schools summary & sign off.pdf

SC Warrant 040512.pdf

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Franklin Public Schools Art - School Committee - April 2012.pdf

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