# Franklin School Committee Minutes

February 28, 2012

### **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: FHS student representative, Sarah MacLellan, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, 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. Mrs. McIntyre arrived late.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None
- Review of Agenda: An Action Item will be added to the agenda.
- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2012 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. RohrbachSecond: Mrs. TrahanApprove: 6Absent: 1

- Payment of Bills: Mrs. McIntyre Mrs. McIntyre was not in attendance at this point in the meeting. The approval of the bills will occur at the next meeting.
- Payroll:

Franklin School Committee Minutes – February 28, 2012 Final Copy Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.

- FHS Student Representatives: Susan noted that the guidance department has finished scheduling for next school year. She also told the Committee how well the sports teams have been doing. Lastly, she mentioned that the student government is hosting the Winter Carnival on March 11<sup>th</sup>. This year, the carnival will sponsor Tickets for Loving Children (TLC) which provides entertainment packages to hospitalized children. Sarah mentioned the theatre department's performance of Love Fest. She also mentioned that the Jazz Band will attend the UNH Jazz Festival in March.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

FHS Project: Tom Mercer, Chairman of the School Building Committee, Jim Jordan, Architect from Ai3 Architects, and Peter Light, Principal of Franklin High School, were on hand to discuss with the Committee the history of the project and progress that has been made thus far. Back in 2005, the high school was put on warning status for accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). From this, the process began. A feasibility study was conducted. and upon completion of the report, a comprehensive renovation/addition was recommended for the high school. In 2007, a statement of interest was submitted to the MSBA for consideration to replace or renovate the high school. In 2008, the School Building Committee was formed. The Committee explored several options. Option #1 included a limited renovation with the addition of 8,400 sf. This option would cost \$86 million. Option #2 included a 'gut' renovation with more expansive changes and included the addition of 14,000 sf. This option would cost \$96 million. Option #3 consisted of a new custom school and included renovation to the field house. This option would cost \$98 million. Another option explored consisted of adding necessities the Committee though necessary to Option #1. This option would cost \$86.6 million. The Committee felt that the prices for these options were significantly higher priced than they expected. In June of 2010, after the MSBA toured the facility, they invited Franklin to participate in the Model School program. In the Model School program, the District choses one of four Model Schools successful designs that the MSBA has approved – that can be customized to fit the topography and student population. The Committee considered the amount of time it would take to renovate the building and the interruption to the educational process that would occur during renovation and opted to "go' for the Model school option. After touring all 4 model schools (Ashland High School, Hudson High School, Shrewsbury High School and Whitman-Hanson Regional High School) and reviewing proposals submitted by their architects, the Committee unanimously chose Ai3 Architects, who designed the Whitman-Hanson High School. The project scope and budget as well as space summary analysis was submitted to the MSBA – the MSBA approved such and now the town has 120 days to secure funding for the project. The Town Council voted to hold a special election to pass a debt exclusion on March  $27^{\text{th}}$ .

Mr. Jordan discussed with the Committee the cost of the project and went over the floor plans of the building. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$104,649,876. The MSBA will reimburse the town 59.52% of that cost. The Town will be responsible for paying an estimated \$47,403,194 for the entire project. The building will be a 3 story, approximately 308,000 sf building. He discussed the flexibility of classrooms and the energy efficiency of the school. If the debt exclusion passes, construction would begin in October and the doors would open in the fall of 2014.

A five-minute recess was taken.

### **3. Discussion Only Items:**

- Policy Second Reading: There have been no changes made to the following policies since the last meeting. Mrs. Mullen noted that the they are slated for approval as Action Items:
  - Adoption of new Policy JAB Handbooks are Policy
  - Elimination of old Policy JIC Student Conduct
  - Adoption of new Policy JIC Student Conduct
  - Elimination of old Policy JIC-E Code of Conduct
  - Elimination of old Policy JICH-R Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
  - Retain Policy JJICA Athletics in Public Schools as written
  - Eliminate Policy JJICA-E Athletics Policies During Sports Season
  - Eliminate Policy JK Student Discipline
  - Eliminate Policy JKBA Academic Suspension

# 4. Action Items:

- 1. I recommend adoption of Policy changes as detailed:
  - Adoption of new Policy JAB Handbooks are Policy Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7
  - Elimination of old Policy JIC Student Conduct Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Approval: 7
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		Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Approval: 7	Second:	Mrs. Trahan	
	<ul> <li>Retain Policy JJICA – Athletics in Public Schools as written</li> </ul>				
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	Williams for the FHS Art Department.				
		n: Mrs. Rohrbach	Second:	Mrs. Trahan	
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3.	I recommend acceptance of a check for \$242.28 from Wells Fargo (Douglas Lee)				
	for in-house enrichment for FHS.				
		n: Mrs. Rohrbach	Second:	Mrs. Trahan	
	Appro				
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4.	I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$985 from the Music Boosters for				
	HS Jaz	HS Jazz and ASMS Band/Orchestra.			
	Motio	n: Mrs. Rohrbach	Second:	Mrs. Trahan	
	Appro	val: 7			
5.	I recommend acceptance of a check for \$28.13 from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. for in-				
	house	enrichment at FHS.			
	Motio	n: Mrs. Rohrbach	Second:	Mrs. Trahan	
	Appro	val: 7			
6.	I recommend acceptance of a check for \$4,055.25 from the Parmenter PCC for				
	Field 7	1			
		n: Mrs. Rohrbach	Second:	Mrs. Trahan	
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Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Approval: 7

9. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,292 from Parmenter PCC for field trips. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

10. I recommend approval of the FHS Girls Track team's request to participate in the New Balance Championship in New York, NY on March 9-10, 2012. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that they have three more days of programming meetings. They will discuss the vision of technology and keep the Committee posted on the opportunities they put together for students. She also noted that in January of last year, the Committee adopted the 2012/2013 School Calendar. School will start after Labor Day this fall. The also noted that this calendar has only 6 snow days built in. Lastly, she noted that in the next month, she will put together the 2013/2014 school year calendar for the Committee's review.
- 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 FEF Trivia Bee will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The Trivia Bee will be held at the Horace Mann Auditorium.

### 7. Executive Session:

Contractual Negotiations

### 8. Adjourn: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

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