Franklin School Committee Minutes

February 7, 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: Two 8th graders from the Horace Mann Middle 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 January 24, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Approve: 7

• Payment of Bills: Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Approve: 7 Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

• Payroll:

Franklin School Committee Minutes – February 7, 2012 Final Copy Mrs. Douglas reviewed the payroll, found it to be in order and recommended acceptance.

- FHS Student Representatives: Sarah noted that thus far, five seniors have signed Letters of Intent to play sports at Division I colleges. She also noted that report cards will be given out tomorrow and the second semester has started. Lastly, she mentioned that the Middle and High School Music Departments will perform a concert hour at Dean Chapel both this evening and Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Susan noted that Mr. Light would like to begin creating a video archive of seniors for faculty with hopes of measuring yearly change. She also mentioned that the student government is hosting the Winter Carnival on March 11th. This year, the carnival will sponsor Tickets for Loving Children (TLC) which provides entertainment packages to hospitalized children.
- Correspondence: Mrs. Mullen noted the Budget to Actual.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Horace Mann Middle School Update: Mr. Fortin, Sharon Jackson and two HMMS students showed a video to the Committee on the Specials offered at the school – such as Tech Ed, Phys. Ed, Spanish, Art and Chorus. It was noted that specials help increase creativity in our schools. Mrs. Rohrbach noted the importance of the unified arts and how it helps educate the whole child.

A five-minute recess was taken.

- b. Special Education Update: Beth Fitzmaurice gave the Committee an update on Special Education. 14.6% of students within the District have mental health challenges that prevent them from accessing the curriculum. The challenges faced are that special education is not fully funded. Out of District tuitions and transportation costs are on the rise. The District will continue to work hard to meet the needs of the students with decreasing revenues. They will also continue to evaluate the program to assure efficiency and efficacy of services provided.
- c. New Head Injury Policy Presentation: Mrs. Winslow noted that this initiative is driven by the frequency of head injuries across the Commonwealth and impacts all students in grades 6-12. She stated that the focus is on the prevention, training, management and return to activity decisions regarding students who incur head injuries in extracurricular athletic activities. We will begin utilizing the DPH required forms and implementing the training requirement this spring sports season. It was noted that we already have a policy in place Policy JNN.

3. Discussion Only Items:

• Student Conduct Policy Changes: There was a first reading for the Policy JAB which is a new policy. There was a first reading for Policy JIC which has significant changes and there were first readings to eliminate some policies. Mrs.

Winslow noted that some policies were redundant and were already in the handbook. She noted that the way to go is to move toward broader policies.

- Policies First Reading: •
 - 1. JAB Handbooks are Policy A motion was made to move this new policy to a second reading. Second: Mrs. Rohrbach Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approve: 7 2. JIC – Student Conduct A motion was made to move Policy JIC to a second reading with changes as noted. Second: Mrs. Rohrbach Motion: Mrs. Trahan Approve: 7 3. JIC-E – Code of Conduct JICH-R – Drug and Alcohol Use by Students A motion was made to move Policy JIC-E to a second reading and to eliminate Policy JICH-R. Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach Approve: 7 4. JJICA – Athletics in Public Schools JJICA-E – Athletics Policies During Sports Season A motion was made to move Policy JJICA to a second reading and to
 - eliminate Policy JJICA-E.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach Approve: 7

- 5. JK Student Discipline A motion was made to move Policy JK to a second reading for the purpose of elimination. Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach Approve: 7
- 6. JKBA Academic Suspension A motion was made to move Policy JKBA to a second reading for the purpose of elimination. Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach Approve: 7

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,000 from the Keller Elementary School PCC for field trips and enrichment. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

- I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,800 from Edith and David Kirk for inhouse enrichment at Remington Middle School. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan
 Approval: 7
- I recommend acceptance of two checks (\$740 and \$810) totaling \$1,550 from the Franklin Music Boosters for student music competition fees and transportation. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7
- 4. I recommend approval of the field trip request of the Sub-Separate Special Education Class at FHS to the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Providence, RI on March 8, 2012 to see Seussical the Musical.
 Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7
- 5. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a plotter for the FHS CAD Program from Ai3 Architects.
 Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the plotter has a value of \$1,000 and the high school is delighted to receive this donation.

 6. I recommend approval of the request of Mr. Joseph for a field trip for Keller 5th graders to Roger Williams Zoo on May 4, 2012 as detailed. Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski wanted to thank Jane Hogan for organizing the art show at the Artist's Studio Gallery at Patriots Place she noted that it was exceptional. She also noted that the second round of programming meetings for the new high school will begin later this week. She wanted to thank the Town Council and the Finance Committee for their unanimous endorsement of the high school project. Mrs. Mullen echoed that sentiment. Lastly, she noted there will be an informational meeting on the High school project on March 8th. Tours will be given at the high school starting at 6 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. She encourages the community to attend.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan stated that the Policy sub-committee is continuing to review the policy manual and is on task with scheduled meetings. Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Joint Budget sub-committee had a great kickoff meeting which was primarily organizational. They plan to meet every six weeks.

• 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 15th at 7 p.m. The Trivia Bee will be held at the Horace Mann Auditorium.

7. Adjourn: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

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