# Franklin School Committee Minutes

January 24, 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 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the Remington Middle School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan and FHS representative Susan Mullen were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. FHS representative Sarah MacLellan was not in attendance. Mr. Jewell arrived late.

#### 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 10, 2012 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach

Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 5 Abstain: 2

• Payment of Bills:

Mrs. McIntyre

Mrs. McIntyre made a motion to approve the warrants from December.

Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

Mrs. McIntyre made a motion to approve the warrants for the first part of January.

Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

• Payroll:

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

• FHS Student Representative: Susan mentioned that guidance counselors have begun working on schedules for next school year. She noted that the choral department, which has gained popularity, will add more classes as well as offer piano and guitar. She also noted two upcoming events – Ms. Water's theatre classes will perform a compilation of monologues of their personal experiences with bullying. The performance will take place in the Field House on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. The Winter Carnival is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. This year, the carnival will sponsor Tickets for Loving Children (TLC) which provides entertainment packages to hospitalized children.

 Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this evening's meeting.

### 2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. FHS Students Trip to New Hampshire Primary: The AP Government and Contemporary Issues classes as well as the Teenage Republican Club went to the New Hampshire Primary. A student who attended spoke to the Committee about their experiences. She noted that it was almost as if their textbooks came to life as they got a sense of how the primary works. Mrs. Sabolinski thanked the teachers involved.
- b. Senator Karen Spilka: Senator Karen Spilka and Erin Souza, a representative from Jim Vallee's office, were on hand to honor and recognize Jeff Roy who served 10 years on the School Committee nine as Chair of the Committee with congratulatory citations. He also received congratulatory citations from Governor Deval Patrick, John F. Kerry, Senator Scott Brown and Congressman James McGovern. Mr. Roy, who is now a member of the Town Council, stated that he is truly humbled and deeply honored by this recognition.
- c. Best Buddies Grants: Several grants were presented to the Best Buddies chapters throughout the District. The grants provide funding for activities that occur outside of the school setting, such as the Best Buddies Prom, a field trip to Pump it Up and gift cards to local restaurants. The annual Best Buddies Fund Raiser will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Team Fitness in Franklin will also host a spin-athon on February 28<sup>th</sup> to support Best Buddies.

A five-minutes recess was taken.

d. ELL Update: Michele Kingsland-Smith and Joyce Edwards spoke to the Committee regarding ELL student enrollment. Currently, there are 94 students in the District with limited English proficiency. The Kennedy and Parmenter schools have the highest enrollment of ELL students. Currently, there are 3 full time English Language Development teachers and one full time educational assistant who support language instruction in all ten schools. Mrs. Edwards noted that in the next year, the federal government will make changes to the program requirements – but as of yet, we don't know what those changes are. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that in the past four years, we have seen an explosion of diversity in this community.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

• School Choice 2012-2013: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we need to look at current and projected enrollments before considering participation in the School Choice program. There are currently 35 classrooms at the elementary level that exceed the school committee's recommended classroom size guidelines. Mrs. Sabolinski recommends not participating in the program. A letter will need to be sent to the Department of Education by May 1<sup>st</sup>, letting them know of our decision.

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend not approving any new school choice students for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a speaker docking system (valued at \$60) from Steve & Sara Frielich for ECDC.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,500 from the Jefferson PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$282.66 from Wells Fargo for FHS scholarships.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands through the World Challenge program in the summer of 2013 for FHS students as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500 from the Singleton Family Foundation for the FHS Special Education Department.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,751.46 from Lifetouch for the Keller student activity account.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,460 from the Franklin Music Boosters for competition fees and transportation of Franklin students.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

9. I recommend approval of budget transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

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

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that Franklin High School student artwork will be on display at the Artist's Studio Gallery at Patriots Place on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that the MSBA will have their final vote on the budget and scope for the High School project tomorrow. The School Building Committee will then recommend to the Town Council they hold a special election to vote on a debt exclusion to fund the project.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Policy Sub-Committee has met and are reviewing the J Section of the policies. They have also further discussed Policy JNN – Head Injuries & Concussion in Extracurricular Activities. They hope to have some first readings at the next meeting.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mrs. Mullen noted that Mr. Mercer and Mr. Nutting will continue to give presentations on the High School project at PCC meetings. She noted that they have been well received at the meetings they have attended thus far.

#### **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. She also noted that they are looking for new members to join the FEF. Lastly, she noted that Mr. Donahue is helping with a website on the High School project. The website is newfhs.com.

#### 7. Executive Session:

• Contractual Negotiations

## **8. Adjourn:** 8:40 p.m.

## Respectfully Submitted,

### Maureen Barker

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