Franklin School Committee Minutes

March 13, 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:

Three students from the Davis Thayer School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan 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. Mr. Jewell was not in attendance.

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 February 28, 2012 School

Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

• Payment of Bills: Mrs. McIntyre

A motion was made to approve one set of warrants.

Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

A motion was made to approve a second set of warrants.

Motion: Mrs. McIntyre Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

• Payroll:

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

• FHS Student Representatives: Susan mentioned that tryouts for the spring sports season began this week. The boy's hockey team will play for the State Championship this weekend at TD Garden at 3:30 p.m. She noted that four students were recognized for their performance in *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* at Drama Fest. She also stated that the Winter Carnival this past weekend was a huge success. Lastly, she noted that peer leaders took part in the "Peace Takes Practice" event at Dean College. Sarah noted that they are finalizing plans for Senior Week – thus far, they are planning a day at Scusset Beach, a PCC breakfast and a pre-graduation party. A performance of *Grease* will take place March 23rd and 24th at the Horace Mann Auditorium. Lastly, she noted that the Sophomore Banquet is scheduled for March 16th, the Senior Banquet is March 23rd and the Freshman Banquet is March 30th.

• Correspondence: Mrs. Mullen noted the Budget to Actual.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Parmenter Update: Mr. Morris discussed with the Committee Parmenter's School Improvement Plan. They are working on four areas Literacy, Math, Response to Intervention and Social/Emotional Learning. He noted that they are continuing to make progress on all fronts.
- b. Health/PE Update: Kristen Cerce and Joyce Edwards updated the Committee on the Health/PE program noting that this is the first full year of health. At the elementary level, topics of discussion in health class are Bullying Prevention, Nutrition, Safety and Injury Prevention and Hygiene/Human Growth and Development to name a few. At the Middle Schools, some of the topics discussed in health class are Bullying Prevention and Substance Abuse Prevention. At the high school, examples of topics discussed in health class are Dating Violence, Mental Health, CPR and Nutrition. It was also noted that 9th graders are required to do five hours of community service. Tenth graders are required to do 10 hours of community service.
- c. Senior Project: Kristy Yankee and Judy O'Neil were on hand to discuss the high school's Senior Project. Senior Project provides students with an opportunity to apply academic, social and civic skills learned throughout their K-12 years to a workplace/career environment. The process begins in the 11th grade when students begin to think about what they may like to do. They then work 70+ hours during their senior year, all the while compiling information about their experience in an E-Portfolio and preparing for a Final Presentation before a panel

comprised of a teacher, town or school administrator and a member of the Franklin business community. It was noted that 85 students participated this year.

3. Discussion Only Items:

• Policy JJ – Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities – First Reading: Mrs. Trahan, Chairman of the Policy Sub-Committee, noted that this policy has been shorted from its existing version. She recommends moving this policy to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

2. I recommend approval of the Field Trip request of the FHS Classics Club to attend the MA Junior Classics League State Convention in Hyannis from April 27-29, 2012 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

Mrs. Sabolinski noted that this is a recurring field trip.

3. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a digital piano from Doug Newton for the Annie Sullivan Middle School.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

4. I recommend approval of the Field Trip request of the FHS Drama Club to see Godspell in New York City on March 24, 2012 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$239.45 from Super Valu, Inc. (Shaw's) for the Franklin Public Schools.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. Information Matters:

• Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that she recently spent the morning at Norwood High School – the newest Model School. She asked administrators there what they would do if they could do it all over again – what they suggested, we have already thought of in our plans. She also noted that she

viewed programs at the school that our current high school just cannot accommodate in its current state. The boy's hockey team is playing for the State Championship this Sunday at the TD Garden - she is inviting the community to come and rally around the team. She also acknowledged Mike Walsh, whose Mock Trial Team did an incredible job. Lastly, she stated that we had a great community meeting at the High School. About 70 members of the community showed up for tours of the high school and the presentation that followed. She feels they made a compelling case as to why we need a new high school.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Joint Budget Sub-Committee had its second meeting. She noted that they are building good connections with each other. She also mentioned that the Finance Committee, Town Council and School Committee have put together a joint letter in favor of the new high school. She asked the Committee if they would each like to sign their names to this letter to which they all agreed. Mrs. Trahan stated that the Policy Sub-Committee met and continues to review the policy manual. She noted that they will have more policy readings soon.
- 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.
- Mrs. Mullen stated that she would like to move the time of the March 27th School Committee meeting to 6:30 p.m. to ensure that School Committee members can be at the high school to hear the results of the High School vote. The Committee members agreed.

7. Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

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