

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

January 25, 2011

Municipal Building – Council Chambers

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. Mr. Roy

Mr. Roy 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 grade students from the Remington Middle School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Glynn and FHS representative Jay Borelli were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Heather Grove 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 January 11, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 7

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representative: Jay noted that mid-terms have been pushed back until Wednesday due to the recent storm. The new term will begin on Monday. A jazz concert will be held at the High School tomorrow evening and Love Fest will be presented by the Theater Program Valentine's Day week. Lastly, he mentioned that the sports teams continue to do well.

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

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Educational Support Professionals (ESP's) Contract Signing: Mrs. Mullen, chair of the negotiating team, noted that the ESP's did a great job representing their unit. Their new contract was signed at this evening's meeting. She also thanked them for all the work they do for the children in the District.

b. Best Buddies – Sue and Art Streeter presented several grants to the High School and Middle School chapters of Best Buddies. 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.

c. Honoring FHS Coaches – Brad Sidwell stated that FHS Alumni would like to recognize former teacher and Coach Gerry Leone. He suggested to the Committee that a press box be named after Mr. Leone. Mr. Cafasso noted that this idea has already been presented to the Community Relations sub-committee and they endorse the idea. Mr. Roy noted that we must consult the policy manual first; however, he expects this to be brought back for approval as an action item at a future meeting.

d. Space Needs Report – Space Needs Sub-Committee: Mrs. Trahan, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Douglas presented to the Committee their report on Space Needs. Within their report, they discussed the condition of the modulars, the fact that there are several unoccupied classrooms at various schools throughout the District, and the notion that each school, with the exception of Kennedy, can absorb the modular students if the modulars are removed. Minor redistricting was suggested to help absorb the displaced Kennedy students.

The modulars currently house a total of 221 students. Due to recent budget cuts, which resulted in the loss of numerous teachers, there are several unoccupied classrooms throughout the District. These classrooms are

currently being used for things other than teaching spaces. Davis Thayer has two such classrooms, Helen Keller has 4-5 classrooms, Jefferson has three, Oak Street has twelve, ECDC has two, and Remington Middle School and Annie Sullivan Middle School each have six. The sub-committee did not study the high school due to the anticipated renovation.

The sub-committee recommends using money allocated from the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan to remove the modulars at Parmenter this summer followed by the removal of the modulars at Jefferson next summer, the modulars at Kennedy in 2013, and the modulars at Davis Thayer in 2014.

If the modulars are removed at Parmenter, the sub-committee recommends relocating the sub-separate programs to another building in order to absorb the modular students into the main building. Since Kennedy does not have any extra space within the main building, they recommend minor redistricting in order to shift students to Oak Street.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- 2011-2012 School Calendar: A draft of this calendar was presented to the Committee for review.
- 2012-2013 School Calendar: A draft of this calendar was presented to the Committee for review.
- Policy BEDE – Notification of School Committee Meetings – Second Reading: Mrs. Mullen noted that there were no changes made to this policy since the last meeting.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care for Annie Sullivan Middle School in-house enrichment and supplies.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

2. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI on May 6, 2011 for Keller 5th graders as detailed.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of the annual donation of a check for \$50 from Lueder's Environmental, Inc. for the FHS for field trips.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

4. I recommend adoption of the 2011-2012 School Calendar as detailed.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

5. I recommend adoption of the 2012-2013 School Calendar as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend adoption of the School Committee Policy BEDA – Notification of School Committee Meetings.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

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

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend approval of the budget transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

9. I recommend approval of the Educational Support Professionals Contract as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Object: 1

Mr. Glynn commented that he feels benefits need to be based on fiscal responsibility and he feels we have a broken model.

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that all schools have been awarded Salad Bar Grants from Whole Foods. This will provide healthier options for the children in grades K-8 (the high school already has a salad bar). She expects to have the search for the new principal at the Horace Mann Middle School wrapped up in the next week or so. Lastly, she mentioned that Mr. Morris presented Parmenter's school improvement plan.

- 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 is scheduled for March 10, 2011.

- Mr. Roy noted that Franklin has been recognized nationally by the Center for American Progress for education.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker