

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

March 15, 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:

Three 5th grade students from the Davis Thayer School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Glynn and FHS representatives Jay Borelli and Heather Grove 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 Open and Executive Session minutes from the February 15, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

I recommend approval of the Budget Workshop minutes from January 29, 2011.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

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 Representatives: Jay noted that the Jazz Band won the gold medal at the Massachusetts Central District Jazz Festival and the Academic Decathlon Team placed 3rd at the State level. He also noted that the Theatre Group presented Under Pressure. Lastly, he noted that the Winter Carnival raised \$1,827 for the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund. Heather noted that the sophomore Banquet was held last Friday and that the senior Banquet will be held this Friday. She also noted that the junior prom will be held on April 29th. She also mentioned several high school athletes who were recognized for their achievements and noted that the boy's hockey team will play in the Division II Eastern Massachusetts State Finals this Sunday at the TD Banknorth Garden.

• Correspondence: Mr. Roy asked that any questions about the Budget to Actual be forwarded to either Mrs. Goodman or Mrs. Rohrbach.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. FHS Visioning Committee: The Visioning Committee met for three days in December, per MSBA requirements, to discuss what education currently looks like and what it will look like over the next 40-50 years. They then came up with a building design they feel meets the vision of the community and educational needs of our students for years to come. They created eight clusters. Each cluster would have four general classrooms, a project room, one or more science rooms, SPED facilities and a small group room as well as shared teacher planning areas. Mr. Light noted that clusters create smaller learning communities that allow for more 21st century learning and make the school seem smaller for students.

b. FHS Program of Study: Mr. Light mentioned how two years ago, graduation requirements for math and science were raised to four years of each. He also noted that due to budget reductions, we don't have the staffing levels to provide appropriate instruction to some of our struggling students. He recommends reducing the math and science requirements to three years. He further stated that this recommendation is not out of line with elite schools. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that there is a level of discomfort backing off the level of expectations, but that we need to educate all of our students. This option offers better

educational services for those at risk of not getting a diploma and offers (elective) options to other students.

c. FHS Summer Reading: Chris Schmidt stated that the high school would like to implement a more successful summer reading program. They would like to create a program that is sustainable over time and encourages students to become lifelong readers. Students will choose one book from the list and then produce an assessment of that book. Assessments, which will be graded, can be in many forms, such as a traditional essay, sculpture, painting, or a YouTube video.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy – First Reading: JICFB – Bullying: Mr. Roy and Mr. Glynn both felt this policy was well written. Mr. Roy further commented that he feels this policy covers everything it could possibly cover. The policy was moved to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the RMS trip to Providence Place Mall IMAX Theatre on April 15, 2011 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,666 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski reminded the Committee of the School Building Committee meeting on March 30th, 2011. The meeting is at 6 p.m. and will be held in the Training Room. The proposed options for the high school renovation project will be reviewed. She noted that Pandora Carlucci was awarded a Cultural Council Grant to support Lifelong Learning's summer theatre arts program. Finally, she commented that the newly installed salad bars are very popular with the students.

- 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 thanked everyone for their participation in the FEF Trivia Bee. She also reminded everyone that Charlie Brown will be performed this weekend.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker