

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

March 29, 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:

A 4th grader from the Jefferson 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: Mr. Roy noted that the ASMS Make a Difference presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the March 15, 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 Representatives: Jay noted that the performance of How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying will be held this Friday evening at the HMMS. Heather noted that the freshman, sophomores and juniors have begun discussing next school year's schedules. She also noted that spring sports have begun.

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

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Boys Hockey: Mr. Roy presented the boy's hockey team with a Certificate of Achievement. They were the Division II South Sectional Champions. He further thanked them for all they have done for the town; stating that they represented us well and we truly appreciate it.

b. ASMS – Make a Difference: This presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

c. Best Buddies – ASMS/FHS: Mr. John Ross and his son spoke to the Committee about their involvement in the town sports - basketball, swimming as well as track and field – and how they have qualified for the Special Olympics.

d. Student Success Team: Sally Winslow, Peter Light and Paul Peri addressed the Committee on the Student Success Team. The team, which was formed in the 2004/2005 school year, came about as a result of increased drop-out rates. Formerly known as the 'Drop out Committee', it was re-established in the 2009/2010 school year. The goal of the team is to identify students who are at risk for not successfully completing high school – beginning in elementary school. Attendance issues are the biggest indicator of at-risk students as well as financial difficulties and disciplinary challenges. In response, the team has implemented interventions to personalize the high school experience, such as the freshman collaborative, flexible scheduling, alternative discipline procedures, increased counseling services, and the implementation of PLATO courses for credit recovery. They have also developed 'watch lists' for at-risk students which are sent from the elementary schools to the middle schools and from the middle schools to the high school. These lists give teachers a 'heads up' so they can make connections early on with at-risk students and provide additional supports right away.

There was a five-minute recess.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy KCDB – School-Based Advertising Content – Discussion: Mrs. Mullen noted that the last time this policy was reviewed, we were piloting advertising at the Field House. Mr. Cafasso, who sits on the Advertising Sub-Committee, noted that he does not see any changes that need to be made to this policy aside from the correction of some minor typos. Mrs. Mullen noted that these corrections will be addressed during the first reading.

- Policy KBE – School/Parent Organizations Relationships – First Reading: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that this policy gives clarifications on the roles and functions of the PCC's and Boosters. Mr. Cafasso wondered what 'parent organizations' covers. It was noted that it covers the PCC's and Boosters.

There was a motion made to move this policy to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

- Policy KBE-E – School Committee/Administration Participation in PCC Meetings Guidelines – First Reading: It was recommended to add the Boosters to this policy and to add the Chairperson of the School Committee to the list of contacts.

There was a motion made to move this policy to a second reading with the recommended change.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

- Policy KDD – News Media Relations/News Releases – First Reading: There was a motion made to move this policy to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

- Policy JICFB – Bullying – Second Reading: It was noted that there were no changes made to this policy since last discussed. This policy is recommended for approval as an action item.

- 2011-2012 School Calendar – January 1, 2012: Mrs. Sabolinski recommends amending the 2011-2012 School Calendar to include January 2, 2012 as a vacation day. She recommends resuming school on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. This recommendation is slated for approval as an action item.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of the School Committee Policy JICFB – Bullying as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

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

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend approval of the FHS request for a recurring field trip to the MA Junior Classical League State Convention from 4/29 to 5/1/11 in Hyannis, MA as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend approval of the 2011-2012 FHS Program of Study including change in graduation requirements as presented at the last meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

Mr. Light noted that in 2016, four-year colleges will require four years of math for admission. The administration considered this information before deciding to reduce the graduation requirements at the high school to three years of math. This was done to offer better educational services to those students at risk of not graduating. He did note, however, that guidance will continue to encourage students to take four years of math and will ensure that students who wish to attend a four-year college are aware of the admission requirements.

5. I recommend approval of the RMS field trip to Providence Place Mall on May 4, 2011 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,000 from the Keller PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend amending the 2011-2012 School Calendar as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend acceptance of the donation of 3-ring binders from Fidelity Investments for the FHS (approximate value: \$50).

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the administration is continuing its search for new principles at both Davis Thayer and Helen Keller. She also noted that the DESE has fully adopted the District's Bullying Policy.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: No new information discussed at this time.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mr. Cafasso reminded the Committee of

the School Building Committee meeting which will be held on March, 30th at 6 p.m.

6. New Business:

- There was no new business to discuss at this evening's meeting.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker