

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

April 12, 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 3rd grader from the Helen Keller School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan 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. Mr. Glynn 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 March 29, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Mr. Glynn was not in attendance at this evening's meeting.

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: Jay informed the Committee that it was the last day of classes for those students participating in Senior Project. Heather noted that three prospective candidates have been interviewed for the position of Vice Principal at the high school. She also noted that the boy's lacrosse team will play at Gillette Stadium this Saturday.

- Correspondence: Mr. Roy acknowledged the Budget to Actual from Miriam Goodman.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Project ABLE/Blended online learning: Mrs. Sabolinski as well as Mrs. Thall, Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Belastock spoke to the Committee about Project ABLE – which stands for Achieving Blended Learning Environments. This project, which came about two years ago as part of a grant, supports educators in their efforts to personalize learning through online and traditional based learning and allows for the integration of 21st century learning skills into the curriculum. For example, one teacher noted the use of 'flipping' which is when students accesses topic information online before it is introduced in the classroom so that they can have a better understanding of the topic. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that she sees this as the instruction of the future. Currently, this is only available at the middle and high school grades; however, she would love to see this at the elementary level as well. Mrs. Sabolinski thanked those involved for moving this initiative forward.

b. LIFT<sup>2</sup> – Brenda Redding: LIFT<sup>2</sup> (Leadership Initiatives for Teaching & Technology) is an innovative professional learning program for middle and high school science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM) teachers. It is designed to help teachers relate classroom curriculum to authentic and relevant applications in the 21st century workplace. Over the summer, Mrs. Redding partook in an externship program at the US Army Natick Soldier Research, Development & Engineering Center and discussed with the Committee her experiences. She also expressed how she feels we need to teach 21st century skills to students as much as possible.

c. Annual Financial Audit: Mrs. Goodman discussed with the Committee the Annual Financial Audit Reports. She noted that with regards to the End of the Year Financial Report, there were only two findings by the auditors – minor findings on the way calculations were done. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that a lot of hard work goes into not having many 'findings'. She further noted how meticulous Mrs. Goodman is. Mrs. Trahan thanked Mrs. Goodman for all of her hard work.

## 3. Discussion Only Items:

- School Choice: Mrs. Sabolinski stated that we haven't accepted new School

Choice students over the past few years due to budget situations and enrollment fluctuations. The same holds true this year. Mrs. Sabolinski does not recommend participating in the School Choice Program. Mr. Roy noted that this is slated for approval as an Action Item this evening.

- Policy KBE – School/Parent Organizations Relationships - Second Reading: There have been no changes to this policy since the last meeting. This policy is slated for approval as an Action Item.

- Policy KBE-E – School Committee/Administration Participation in PCC/Boosters Meetings Guidelines - Second Reading: There have been no changes to this policy since the last meeting. This policy is slated for approval as an Action Item.

- Policy KDD – News Media Relations/News Releases - Second Reading: There have been no changes to this policy since the last meeting. This policy is slated for approval as an Action Item.

#### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend the Franklin Public Schools not participate in the School Choice Program for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

2. I recommend acceptance of two checks – one from the Jefferson PCC for \$3,500 and one from Follett for \$4.80 for field trips for Jefferson Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

3. I recommend adoption of Policy KBE – School/Parent Organizations Relationships as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

4. I recommend adoption of Policy KBE-E – School Committee/Administration Participation in PCC/Boosters Meetings Guidelines as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. I recommend adoption of Policy KDD – News Media Relations/News Releases as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$7,316 from Davis Thayer PCC for field trips and buses as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$330 from Parmenter PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,665.75 from Parmenter PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski informed the Committee of the upcoming FHS Awards Night on May 26th and Graduation on June 3rd. She also noted that they hope to make a decision on the new principal for Davis Thayer by the end of this week and are still interviewing candidates for the Director of Curriculum position. She further stated that they have been thrilled with the pool of candidates; and once decisions have been made, they will introduce the new administrators to the Committee. Finally, she noted that she will attend a meeting with the MSBA on May 11th to discuss the proposed architectural designs for the high school renovation project.

- 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:

- Mr. Roy attended the Cultural Commissions Awards Ceremony this past Sunday and noted that two Franklin teachers were awarded grants. Mr. Cafasso attended the MICA Festival and commented that our students did well.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker