

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

April 26, 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 from the Kennedy School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Glynn and FHS representative Heather Grove were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. FHS representative Jay Borelli 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 April 12, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Mr. Glynn made a motion to approve the warrants dated April 12, 2011.

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 7

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Approve: 7

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representative: Heather informed the Committee that report cards went out this week and that the administration is more strictly enforcing the dress code. She also noted that AP tests start next week and OSKY will be performed on April 4th and 5th.

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

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. New Administrators: Mrs. Sabolinski introduced to the Committee two new hires – Shawn Fortin will take over as the new principal of the Horace Mann Middle School and Julie Vincentsen will be the new principal of Keller Elementary School.

b. FHS Students – Building Project: Students from Mr. Leighton's Contemporary Issues class presented the Committee with an overview of the three MSBA approved Model Schools. The designs of these schools make them more efficient and cost effective. They are Ashland High School, Hudson High School and Whitman Hanson High School.

c. FHS Building Committee: Tom Mercer updated the Committee on the progress of the FHS Building Committee; and the architects, Kaestle Boos Associates, were on hand to present the three options for the high school project. The first option is a limited renovation and the addition of 8,400 square feet of space. The most dramatic change will be the opening of the center of the building by removing a portion of the second floor. This will allow for more light to enter the 'courtyard' type area that will be created. This area will house bleacher type seating that can fold up into the wall. The second floor will look down onto the courtyard area and will house four clusters. Four more clusters will be located on the first floor. The projected cost is \$73,100,000. After reimbursement from the MSBA, the projected cost to the Town is \$30,800,000. The second option is a gut renovation and the addition of 14,800 square feet of space. This option will require more phasing and investment but will include more site improvements. A completely new kitchen will be built, the cafetorium will include moveable seating and partitions, and the second floor will open up onto the first as in option one to let in more light. It will consist of eight clusters and will include two-story project rooms. The projected cost is \$96,400,000.

After reimbursement from the MSBA, the projected cost to the Town is \$40,800,000. The third option entails building a completely new 305,000 square foot tri-level building which will be connected to the existing Field House. This custom new construction which will include a small theatre, a media center, and eight clusters, will also allow for lots of light to enter the building by leaving the center open. The projected cost is \$97,900,000. After reimbursement from the MSBA, the projected cost to the town is \$45,600,000. Mr. Nutting, Town Administrator, noted that if the Town spends \$35,000,000 on this project, it will cost the average tax payer \$235. Mr. Mercer noted that it is the hope of the Building Committee that the MSBA will invite us to participate in the Model School Program in which we could build one of the three model schools mentioned above. Sean Fennell, project manager from Daedalus Projects Incorporated noted that he will speak with the MSBA and inquire about having us participate in the Model School Program.

d. Summer Program/Community Outreach: Pandora Carlucci informed the Committee that registration is ongoing for summer programs including the High School Experience – which is in its fourth year. She also mentioned new initiatives, including guided tours of two College campuses.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Food Service Program: Mrs. Goodman noted a Nutrition Sub-Committee was formed in December to look at student nutrition and how best to provide nutritious meals in the schools. She also noted that new legislation requires changes to be made that the Sub-Committee feels would lead to higher costs. As a result, the Sub-Committee feels we could benefit from an outside vendor managing the food service program. Mrs. Sabolinski added that our food service program is not a budgeted program – it is self-funded and self-sustained through the sale of food. She feels we don't have the budgetary funds for the new legislations and feels privatizing the management of services could help. She further noted that this affects the management portion only (non-union) and does not affect our union personnel.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the Budget Transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$20.44 from Follett Educational Services for the Jefferson Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend the School Committee authorize the administration to develop an RFP that proposes to seek bids to privatize the management portion of the Franklin Public Schools Food Service Program.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500 from Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund for the FHS Swim Boosters.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$428.57 from the RMS PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$107.14 from the RMS PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$252 from Wells Fargo for in-house enrichment for the FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that they will develop an RFP for the food service program. She also noted that they have signed contracts with a new Vice Principal for the High School, a new principal for Davis Thayer and the Director of Instructional Services.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Building Use Sub-Committee met earlier in the day and that they continue to review Policy KF.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

6. New Business:

- No new information discussed at this time.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker