

## Welcome

Franklin School Committee  
Minutes

May 10, 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 5th grader from the Oak Street Elementary School and a 7th grader from the Horace Mann Middle School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan 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. Mr. Glynn and FHS representative Jay Borelli were 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 26, 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 to approve the payment of bills.

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representative: Heather informed the Committee that A.P. testing is ongoing. The Music Program will perform a Pops Night tomorrow evening and the Art Show for A.P. Studios and Honors Portfolio will also be held tomorrow evening.

- Correspondence: Mr. Roy requested any questions on the Budget to Actual be forwarded to Mrs. Rohrbach before the next meeting.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. New Assistant Principals: The Committee welcomed Nicole Champagne, the new assistant principal at the High School, and Brian Wildeman, the new assistant principal at Remington Middle School.

b. Teen Angels: Lisa Keohane, advisor for Teen Angels, and fellow Teen Angels discussed their accomplishments over the past year and what they are currently working on. Over the past year, the Teen Angels testified at a hearing on bullying, developed a presentation for 4th and 5th graders on bullying and cyber bullying and formed Wired Teens, an after school club for 6th, 7th and 8th graders which will focus on methods to stop cyber bullying. On June 8th, they will attend the Wired Safety Summit in Washington D.C. for the second year. At the summit, they will present a documentary on their elementary school presentation, discuss information they have gathered on cyber bullying and will be awarded the Teen Angel Chapter of the Year award.

c. Music Department: Members from the Remington Musicians Saxophone Ensemble performed a song for the Committee followed by Nancy Schoen highlighting the 2010/2011 school year. She noted that in April, six students were awarded silver medals at the MICCA Festival. Twelve High School and eighteen Middle School Students have been accepted into the Central District Music Festivals. The High School Jazz Band received a gold medal at the IAJE District Jazz Festival and there have been over 40 elementary and middle school concerts, as well as a middle school and high school musical. She noted that the Franklin Music Boosters does a lot of fundraising which provides scholarships for seniors, provides private lessons, etc. Mr. Cafasso noted the noteworthy achievements given the limited resources provide by the District. Mr. Roy thanked the Music Boosters for all their support.

d. Art Department: Mike Caple informed the Committee that the mission of the Art Department is art for all, connect art to the community and prepare students for the highest level art program. He noted that on May 24th, Gallery 218, which is in its third year, will hold a reception that showcases artwork from students in K-12. Also, the Franklin Arts Association will have their Arts Night on June 15th. At Arts Night, the students will present projects from throughout the year. He

also noted the Summer Arts Academy, which is a two week program for 7th – 9th graders.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities – First Reading: Franklin schools are frequently used for sporting and community events so the Building Use Sub-Committee decided to take a look at its current policy. After reviewing the policy, they have decided to make some minor revisions and tweak some language. Mrs. Winslow, who is on the sub-committee, noted that they have also implemented a new software program to assist with the scheduling of events and have reevaluated their rate schedule. Mr. Roy noted that the fees only cover the costs associated with the use of the building. There was a motion made to move this policy to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approval: 6

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of the donation from the Franklin Music Boosters as detailed to the FPS Music Department (total donation value: \$3,628.24).

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

2. I recommend approval of the Middle School Music student trip to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on Friday, June 17, 2011 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$294 from Wells Fargo for in-house enrichment at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski commented that she feels the new assistant principals will be an exciting addition to our team. She also noted that the music and art programs do great work, further stating that it is a partnership of school personnel and parents who help support these programs. She thanked the community for continuing to support the arts.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Mullen noted that the Policy Sub-Committee met on April 30th to speak with parents of students who have received social suspensions. Parents noted that they felt the current social suspension is a bit much and don't feel the school should take actions on students conduct that occur outside of the school. Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Financial Committee met last evening and that the Town has approved a budget that is \$1.1 million less than what we asked for. She noted that the

Budget Sub-Committee will meet to discuss how to make reductions to balance the budget. She also noted that a public hearing is scheduled for June 8th and June 9th.

- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

6. New Business:

- Mr. Roy noted that if community members have questions about the architects presentation on the High School renovation project that was presented at the last meeting, please forward them to the committee members. He apologized to those in attendance who may have felt they did not have the opportunity to speak at the meeting. He also noted that he will inform the community of the next School Building Committee meeting.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker