

Welcome

Franklin School Committee
Minutes

May 24, 2011

Municipal Building – Council Chambers

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Mullen

Mrs. Mullen 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:

Two 5th graders from the Parmenter School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan, and Mr. Glynn were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Mr. Roy and the FHS representatives Jay Borelli and Heather Grove 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 May 10, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: The FHS Student Representatives were not in attendance this evening. They were both at a dinner honoring the top 10% of the graduating class.

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

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. FHS Green Update: Liz Hart, a senior at FHS, started Franklin Alliance for Climate Education (FACE) at the high school to raise awareness on green initiatives. She noted how they have participated in terracycling, did water quality testing of the buildings water fountains, and have set up a compost bin.

b. Ratification of Van Driver's Contract: Mr. Cafasso, who headed up the negotiating committee, stated that he was happy to come to an agreement with van drivers and appreciates all their efforts. Chandler Creedon, President of the Franklin Educators Association, was on hand to sign the contract.

c. New Administrators: Joyce Edwards, Director of Instructional Services, and Kadie Wilson, Principal of Davis Thayer were introduced by Mrs. Sabolinski. She stated that she is delighted to have both on board and feels they will make a good addition to our team and our community.

d. Update Preliminary Data – MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey 2010: Mrs. Sabolinski and Kristen Cerce presented the Committee with the preliminary data from the 2010 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey. They will use this data to develop programs for next year. 91% of middle school and 90% of high school students participated in the survey. The data shows that overall, there is a declining use of tobacco and alcohol; however, the use of alcohol increases gradually from grades 9 to 12. There is also an increase in tobacco use in grade 12. The data shows that there is a decline of marijuana use in middle school; however, the use increases by grade in high school. Cyberbullying has increased in Franklin as well as nationally – perhaps due to more attention on the subject which has fostered more awareness and more reporting. The mental health of students continues to be of concern with feelings of being stressed on the increase. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that emotional health is impacted by academic expectations. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that in the fall they will come back to the Committee with more specifics on the data and goals that have been set forth.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities – Second Reading: There

have been no additional changes made to this policy since last discussed and it will be recommended for adoption as an action item.

4. Action Items:

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

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

2. I recommend adoption of Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

3. I recommend acceptance of 3 checks totaling \$2,400 from the Annie Sullivan MS PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$150 from the JF Kennedy PC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$125 from the JF Kennedy PC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$125 from the JF Kennedy PC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$700 from the JF Kennedy PC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$400 from the JF Kennedy PC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

9. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$125 from the JF Kennedy PC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6 Absent: 1

10. I recommend approval of the ratification of the Van Drivers 2008-2010 and the 2010-2013 contracts.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 6 Absent: 1

Mr. Glynn wanted to applaud the collaboration that went into reaching an agreement with the contracts.

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski thanked the van drivers for all they do for our students and acknowledged the negotiating team for getting the job done. She also noted that we will be redesigning the school departments' website and she is looking for a volunteer from the School Committee to help with the process. Lastly, she noted that the seniors will graduate on June 3rd and she wishes the best of luck to the graduating class.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach noted that the Budget Sub-Committee met yesterday. They are still waiting to hear from the State the final circuit breaker numbers and have been working on a variety of scenarios to help bridge the \$1.1 million budget gap. Mr. Glynn noted that the Food Service Sub-Committee will meet on June 7th.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

6. New Business:

- Mr. Glynn noted a resolution that the Lakeville School Committee has put forth with regards to capping pay increases to 2.5%. Mrs. Mullen noted that this will require more discussion and suggests putting it on the next meeting's agenda.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker