

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

August 10, 2010

Municipal Building – Council Chambers

Call to order: 7:02 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:

Mr. Roy recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, 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.

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 Executive and Open Session minutes from the July 20, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 6 Abstain: 1 (Mrs. Mullen)

a. Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 7

b. Payroll:

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

acceptance.

c. FHS Student Representatives: The FHS student representatives are on summer recess.

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

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. School Handbooks: Mrs. Winslow let the Committee know that the school handbooks will now be available in the 5 other languages spoken in the District. The District's website also has the capability of translating the handbooks into any language needed. She noted that the most significant change found in all the handbooks is the bullying addendum. Each of the school principals then spoke to the Committee and highlighted specific changes made to their handbooks. It was noted that 'new' sections of the handbooks are highlighted so returning parents can quickly access new information. Once the handbooks are approved at the next meeting, they will be available for viewing on the school websites. Hard copies of the handbooks can be requested from principals.

There was a five-minute recess.

b. District Improvement Plan: Before the principals left, Mr. Roy asked principals to make sure they are planning activities for Constitution Day as required. He noted that this is a Federal Statute; and since we receive Federal funds, we are required to comply.

Mrs. Sabolinski, Mrs. Winslow and Michele Kingsland-Smith spoke to the Committee about the District Improvement Plan (DIP). The DIP articulates the goals and strategies that inform the educational program for all students. It was developed through a comprehensive review of a variety of student data and aligns with the Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Committee on August 11, 2009. Some of the goals discussed this evening were to put more of a focus on writing skills and also the participation in age-appropriate instruction on bullying prevention. The implementation of the DIP will be monitored by school principals twice a year in December and May.

## 3. Discussion Only Items: None

## 4. Action Items: None

## 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report:

a. MSBA Update: CGKV Architects Inc. has been selected as the architect for

the High School project.

b. Personnel Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that several positions need to be filled. She wanted to make it very clear that these are NOT newly created positions. These are already budgeted positions that were vacated over the summer by resignations, retirements and non renewal of contracts.

c. Schedules/Teacher Assignments: Mrs. Sabolinski stated that teacher assignments will be sent out next week. She also noted that there was a glitch with the High School schedule posted and that it has now been rectified. An Ed-line message was also sent out to parents making them aware of this glitch.

d. Center for American Progress: Mrs. Sabolinski stated that the District has been selected as a spotlight District by a Washington based think-tank. She stated more information will follow.

e. New Staff Orientation (8/24, 25, 26 – RMS 8:00 a.m.): Mrs. Sabolinski invited the Committee to the new staff orientation which will be held at the Remington Middle School cafeteria on August 24-26th at 8 a.m.

f. Foreign Language Technology Presentation: Mrs. Sabolinski met with representatives from Rosetta Stone to discuss using their program to supplement our foreign language program.

g. Proposed School Committee Presentations 2010/11: Mrs. Sabolinski put together a spreadsheet with proposed School Committee presentations. She asked the Committee to let her know if they would like to add anything.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan noted that the Space Needs sub-committee met earlier in the evening. They are planning to get information on the schools capacities and updating maps. This information will then be presented to the School Committee. Mrs. Trahan would like the Committees feedback as to where this sub-committee is heading.

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

#### 6. New Business:

- Mrs. Rohrbach wanted to acknowledge both Mr. Roy and Jeff Nutting for participating in and completing the Pan Mass Challenge.

#### 7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

#### 8. Adjourn: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker