

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

August 24, 2010

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:

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: Mr. Roy noted that he will add the Space Needs Sub-Committee charge to the Discussion Only Items.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the Executive and Open Session minutes from the August 10, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 7

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: The FHS Student Representatives are on summer recess.

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

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Middle School's School Improvement Plans: The middle school principals spoke to the Committee about their School Improvement Plans. Beth Wittcoff, Principal of Annie Sullivan Middle School, stated they will continue to work on the same goals: Response to Intervention, Literacy, AYP and Mathematics. They will add another Literacy goal – the use of common language and vocabulary when using reading and writing strategies and the district wide bullying prevention goal. Mike Levine, Interim Principal for Horace Mann Middle School, also noted the continuation of last year's goals with the addition of bullying prevention. This year's goals will be Literacy, Implementation of the Key Three Routine, Mathematics and Bullying Prevention. Paul Peri, Principal of Remington Middle School, noted that they too will continue to work on goals set forth last year as well as adding Bullying Prevention.

Mr. Cafasso asked the Middle School Principals to discuss class sizes at their school along with any concerns they may have regarding larger class sizes. Mrs. Wittcoff noted that all the principals are deeply concerned about class sizes, especially in the 6th grade. Mr. Levine noted that teachers will adapt to the situation. He noted that teachers make every effort to get to know each student, but larger class sizes can make that more difficult.

## 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Space Needs Sub-Committee Charge: Due to shifts in population, Mr. Roy asked the Space Needs Sub-Committee to look at the need for redistricting and report findings back to the School Committee in November. He also asked that they look into half day kindergarten. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the Kindergarten Committee will have more information on that in January.

## 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of the Franklin High School's Handbook as presented at the last meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of the District Improvement Plan as presented at the last meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of the Horace Mann, Remington and Annie Sullivan Middle School's School Improvement Plans as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

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

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of the Middle School's Handbooks as presented at the last meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of the Elementary School's Handbooks as presented at the last meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

Mrs. Sabolinski stated that the Handbooks will be posted on the individual school websites tomorrow now that they have been approved.

#### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report:

- a. Parmenter – Wachusett Street Construction: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the loop in front of Parmenter is inaccessible. She will meet with Mr. Cantoreggi to discuss traffic plans and will then share that information with parents.

Mrs. Sabolinski noted that we have 153 new students this school year. She also noted that Bus Routes will be posted in this week's newspaper. Currently, there are 1,591 students enrolled for ridership on the buses. Mr. Cafasso requested an update on ridership in September or October.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach said that the Budget Sub-Committee met last Friday. They started discussing the general planning of the FY12 budget. She asked the Committee for input on anything they might like to see differently. Mrs. Mullen said that the Policy Sub-Committee met last week. They are reviewing the Home Schooling policy (IHBG) and are continuing to review the policy manual to determine policies that may need updating. Mrs. Trahan announced that the Space Needs Sub-

Committee will meet again in October.

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

6. New Business:

- Mr. Roy stated that he received a book from former Town Council member, Carlo Geromini. Mr. Roy said the book, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*, by Diane Ravitch, is a must read.
- Mrs. Trahan wishes everyone a safe and good beginning to the school year.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker