

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 14, 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:

Two fifth graders from the Davis Thayer School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Glynn and FHS representatives Jay Borelli and Heather Grove 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 the minutes from the August 31, 2010 School Committee Meeting would not be available for approval at this evening's meeting.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the Open Session minutes from the August 24, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

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: Mr. Roy welcomed the new FHS Student Representatives, Heather Grove and Jay Borelli. Heather is President of the Student Government and Jay is the Senior Class President. Heather let the Committee know that over 100 incoming freshman participated in the Freshman Experience over the summer. She noted that the transition for all freshmen into high school went smoothly. She also let the Committee know about Rachel's Challenge, which will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, in remembrance of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School Shootings. Rachel's Challenge is a national organization that provides programs that support positive school cultures and combat violence and bullying. Jay announced that fall sports are off to a great start.

d. Correspondence: Mr. Roy acknowledged the Budget to Actual and directed questions and comments be forwarded to Mrs. Rohrbach for discussion at the next meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. AYP Update: Mrs. Sabolinski, along with Mrs. Kingsland Smith, stated that the MCAS assessment data was released today and can be found on the District's website. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that Franklin is still categorized as a highly performing District; however, there is room for improvement. School Improvement Plans (SIP's) are geared towards this. Also, schools will begin offering before or after school programs for math and ELA for students in need of further personal instruction.

b. Elementary School Improvement Plans: The principals from the Elementary Schools spoke to the Committee regarding their School Improvement Plans. Each of the schools will continue to work towards the District wide Literacy Initiative amongst other goals outlined in their presentations to the Committee. Each school will also add the district wide bullying prevention goal.

c. Foreign Language Update: Mrs. Kingsland Smith as well as Ms. Yankee gave the Committee an update on the Foreign Language Program. Over the past twelve years, the program has dwindled to point where it is nonexistent at the elementary level. This year, foreign language is not being offered at the elementary level. At the middle school level, only Spanish is being offered. There has been no change to the high school foreign language program since 1999. The District is looking into working with Rosetta Stone as a means of offering foreign language in an after school club setting.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Update on Opening of School: Mrs. Sabolinski noted a successful start to school, aside from street construction which is causing issues. She also stated that she is thrilled with the new teachers that have come on board since the opening of school. New teachers have been put in place at Davis Thayer, Parmenter and Helen Keller thanks to Federal money that was awarded to the District.
- Transportation Update: Lisa Bassignani is out, so Mrs. Sabolinski is asking for patience when it comes to addressing transportation issues.
- Superintendent Evaluation Process: Mr. Roy asked if the Committee would like to use the same process they have used in the past, which is to have Mrs. Mullen meet with Mrs. Sabolinski to discuss goals. Mr. Roy suggested Committee members send e-mails to Mrs. Mullen with goal suggestions.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the Elementary School's School Improvement Plans as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$252.00 from Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign for in-house enrichment at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$252.00 from Wells Fargo Matching Gifts Foundation for in-house enrichment at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of two checks, \$50.00 from Sylvia Ficco and \$500.00 from Georgia D'Errico from the Class of 1960 for the FHS Scholarship account.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$50.00 from Martha Akers from the Class of 1960 for in-house enrichment at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$91.43 from Follett Educational Services for supplies for Jefferson Elementary School.

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

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$27.74 from Olympia Sports for in-house enrichment for the FHS.

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

5. Information Matters:

• Superintendent's Report:

a. Enrollment Update: Enrollment is down at the elementary and middle school level. Enrollment is up at the High School level.

b. Personnel: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that new teachers have been hired at Davis Thayer, Parmenter and Helen Keller. They are still in the process of filling a special education position at Parmenter. This is the result of Federal money awarded to the District.

c. Mrs. Sabolinski also noted Rachel's Challenge which will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

d. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that events and curriculum are lined up at all the schools for Constitution Day.

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

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

6. New Business:

• Both Mr. Cafasso and Mr. Glynn announced that they will not be in attendance at the September 28, 2010 School Committee meeting. Mrs. Trahan announced that the FEF Casino Night will be held on Friday, November 19, 2010. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that the Run for Bob – a fundraiser for Best Buddies – is slated for Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 8 a.m.

7. Adjourn: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker