

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 28, 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:

A 5th grader from the Jefferson School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mr. Glynn 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. Cafasso, Mrs. Trahan, 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 September 14, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 5 Absent: 2

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 5 Absent: 2

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representative: Heather let the Committee know that a new club has been established at the High School – For Friends of Rachel – as a result of Rachel’s Challenge. Cabaret will be presented next Wednesday and Thursday evening. Homecoming is scheduled for October 16th and Panther Pride night will be held on October 20th. She also noted that guidance is meeting with seniors to begin the college application process. Finally, the Captains Conference was held last Thursday at Lake Pearl.

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

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. FEF Grant Awards: The Franklin Education Federation has raised over \$180,000 for the Franklin Public schools since their founding through fundraising efforts. One of their biggest fundraising events is Casino night. This year’s Casino night will be held on Friday, November 19th at the Elks. The FEF presented the Franklin Public Schools with \$27, 458.64 to fund 16 grants.

b. Early Childhood Readiness: Karen Seyfried presented the Committee with a document on School Readiness. Research shows the phrase ‘it takes a village to raise a child’ remains true. Through the collaborative effort of the schools, families and the community, each child will be provided a supportive, healthy and safe learning environment where they will be ready for school and can become successful life long learners.

c. Lifelong Learning Update: Pandora Carlucci updated the Committee on Lifelong Learning, which is in its 13th year. They have 250 faculty and staff, and over 5,000 students participate in the program annually. The self sustained programs they offer are intended for the entire Franklin community.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Budget to Actual: Mrs. Rohrbach stated there were no questions forwarded to her regarding the budget to actual.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$8,000 from the Davis Thayer PCC for field trips and enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 5 Absent: 2

2. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip for the Remington Adventure Club to Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH on October 2, 2010.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 5 Absent: 2

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$205.17 from Target for Horace Mann Middle School in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 5 Absent: 2

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$478.41 from Target for Franklin High School in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 5 Absent: 2

5. I recommend approval of the two recurring field trips for the FHS DECA students for the State competition in Boston from 3/10/11-3/12/11 and the International competition in Orlando, FL from 4/30/11-5/3/11 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 5 Absent: 2

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$5,000 from the Keller PCC for field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 5 Absent: 2

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski thanked the FEF for all their hard work. She updated the Committee on the High School renovation, stating the Town is still in negotiations with the architect. She noted that Rachel's Challenge was a very powerful program and plans to continue with this program as part of the anti-bullying initiative. She also noted the partnership formed with Dean College – which will focus on targeting students who may not see college as an option. Finally, she noted that she attended the Harvest Festival and noted that it was a good networking opportunity.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Rohrbach stated that the Budget Sub-Committee met Friday morning and discussed the capital budget, which will be brought forward to the School Committee at an October meeting, and the impact the education job funds will have on the FY11 budget. Mrs. Mullen said that the Policy Sub-Committee met this morning and is continuing to review the policy manual to determine policies that may need updating. Mr. Roy mentioned that the FEF will hold their annual Casino Night on Friday, November 19th at the Elks.

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

6. New Business:

- No new information discussed at this time.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker