

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

October 26, 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 Kennedy 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: An Action Item from Marushka Waters requesting approval for a field trip to New York City will be added to the agenda.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

Motion: Mr. Glynn Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: Jay noted that Homecoming, Spirit Week and Panther Pride Night were recently held and all very successful. Mr. Glynn added that he attended Panther Pride Night and commented on what an outstanding job everyone did that evening. Heather updated the Committee on sports at the High School. The boy's soccer team made the tournament as well as the girl's soccer, field hockey and volleyball teams.

- Correspondence:

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

2. Jefferson Letter: Mr. Roy acknowledged this correspondence.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Anti-Bullying Task Force Presentation: This task force was formed as a result of a new law which mandates addressing bullying in schools and online through the implementation of policies and practices to combat this social problem as well as reporting bullying incidents to school officials. The task force is made up of teachers, administrators, community members, parents, students, local law enforcement and volunteers. The aim of the Task Force is to review current policies, identify items to include in an anti-bullying policy, and identify which acts of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyber bullying may constitute criminal activity. More information, including the task force presentation, can be found at nomorebullies.wordpress.com.

- b. Special Education Presentation: Beth Fitzmaurice presented the Committee with an overview of the services provided to our children - Pre-K through age 22. The District offers inclusive services, direct instruction, sub-separate programming, out of District services, and extended school year offerings. 17% of our school population requires special education services. 62% are inclusive, 18% receive direct instruction, 13.5% sub-separate, and 6.5% are out of District. Our inclusive and in District rates are higher than the State average – which she thinks is a testament to our hard working teachers.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy: IHGB – Homeschooling – Second Reading: There were only minor changes made to the policy since the last reading. Several members from the audience commented on the 'proposed' changes to the policy. Sylvia and John Lyons feel the 'proposed' changes to the policy restrict home schooled students to public school resources. Sandra Frederick asked that more

consideration be made to the proposed changes including input from home schoolers before any final decision be made. Mr. Roy stated that each policy is reviewed every three years and even with approval, we can always revisit a policy. He further commented that he will not close his mind to thinking of this in the future. He feels the policy seems to clarify existing practices and would like to move forward.

- Delegate Selection for MASC Convention: The Committee selected Mr. Glynn to represent the Franklin School Committee at the MASC Convention.
- Community Outreach: This item was tabled until a future meeting due to time constraints.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of the donation of MacBook Pro-Laptop including accessories and document cameras (valued at \$2,453.31) from Mr. Robert Salzberg of Resh, Inc. for the Davis Thayer Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$100 from Youwei and Jeanne Lin for math enrichment at RMS.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$123.19 from Target's Take Charge of Education Program for the Remington Middle School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of two checks from Follett for \$51.22 and \$122.06 (total: \$172.28) for Jefferson Elementary School from consignment of old books.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000 from a Fidelity anonymous gift account for the Annie Sullivan Middle School field trips and in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500 from a Fidelity anonymous gift account for the Annie Sullivan Middle School field trips and in-house enrichment.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend adoption of Policy IHGB Homeschooling as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend the selection of Bill Glynn as the School Committee's delegate to the MASC Convention.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

9. I recommend approval of the field trip request of Marushka Waters students to New York City to see a Broadway show on November 20, 2010 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski thanked the Bullying Task force for their work. She noted that Big Lots will have a grand opening on November 19th and said that they will be making a donation to the Parmenter School. She also mentioned that lock down drills have begun in the schools and that their will be an MCAS presentation at the November meeting.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Mullen informed the committee that the Policy Sub-Committee met this afternoon. Mrs. Trahan noted that the Space Needs Sub-Committee met earlier in the evening and will present a report to the School Committee at the November 16th meeting. She requested Mr. Roy add this to the agenda for that evening's meeting.

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

6. New Business:

- Mrs. Trahan reminded everyone that the FEF Casino Night will be held on Friday, November 19th at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. Mrs. Sabolinski said that a new walking club has been formed. The club, called Walking Partners, will walk the halls of the high school and will meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. beginning November 1st – December 15th.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker