

## Welcome

Franklin School Committee  
Minutes

Organizational Meeting

November 9, 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 Oak Street Elementary School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Glynn and FHS representative Jay Borelli were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator, and other invited guests. Heather Grove was not in attendance.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None

- Review of Agenda: Mr. Roy noted that the Payment of Bills will be tabled until the next meeting.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Glynn

The Payment of Bills has been tabled until the next meeting.

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representative: Jay let the Committee know that the first term ended on Monday, November 8th and report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 17th.

- 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.

This evening's meeting is the Organizational Meeting in which the Committee will nominate who shall serve as the Chair and Vice Chair over the course of the next year.

Mrs. Mullen nominated Mr. Roy to serve as Chair of the Committee.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Douglas

Approve: 7

Mrs. Rohrbach nominated Mrs. Mullen to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 7

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. "Let it Snow": Mrs. Sabolinski would like to take a proactive approach to snow removal and let the community know early what to expect. She feels the more information we can get out to the community, the safer our students will be and the safer the community will be. Brutus Cantoreggi noted that the Town has 260 lane miles to plow as well as the school properties. He informed us that sidewalks are not plowed until the end of a storm due to manpower and the fact that the plows will keep adding more snow to the sidewalks with each pass-by. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that if parents feel that the roads or sidewalks are unsafe, they can keep their children home without penalty. It was also noted that we have an agreement with the Busing Company that if they see any student walking in the street, they are instructed to offer that child a ride home. Mrs. Sabolinski will post this information on the School Department's Website and will send a reminder to parents via the newsletter.

- b. Capital Plan: If the Committee approves the Capital Plans as presented, Mr.

Nutting will bring it forward to the Town Council's Budget Sub-Committee for consideration and then it will go to the full Town Council for approval. He also noted that not every request gets funded.

- Instructional Services/Textbooks: Michele Kingsland-Smith is requesting a K-3 phonics program.
- Special Education Vehicles: Mr. Nutting spoke of the need to replace two Special Education vans due to high mileage. He noted that we have a fleet of 10 vans with two spare vans (wheelchair accessible vans). The spare vans are only used while another van is being serviced.
- Facilities: Mr. Nutting spoke briefly about the facilities requests – including resurfacing of the high school track and removal of the portables should the Space Needs Sub-Committee deem feasible.
- Technology: Mr. Rapoza is requesting 100 netbooks for the Remington Middle school and high school. He would also like to install wireless access at the Remington Middle school as well as update their computer labs. He is also requesting 40 new interactive whiteboards, laptop carts and GMADE Assessment Software. This software is used to identify students at risk in math.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- School Calendars – 2011-2012 and 2012-2013: Mrs. Sabolinski is presenting a very preliminary Calendar for the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 School years for review. She will post these calendars on the School department's website and asks both the public and the Committee to forward any comments and suggestions to her as these calendars will be adopted in January.
- MASC Update: Mr. Glynn updated the Committee on MASC Joint Conference held last week. He noted that all resolutions passed except for the resolution on mid-year retirements.

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the budget transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mr. Cafasso Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approval: 7

Mrs. Rohrbach asked Mrs. Goodman to clarify why we are approving the budget transfers at this meeting – it is typically done at the second meeting of each month. Mrs. Goodman noted that we were unable to approve the transfers at the second meeting in October, so we are approving them at this meeting.

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$125 from the JFKennedy PCC for a nurse for the 3rd grade field trip to Plimoth Plantation on 11/16/10.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$750 from the JFKennedy PCC for

buses for the 3rd grade field trip to Plimoth Plantation on 11/16/10.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$20 from Debra Meredith for in-house enrichment at Horace Mann Middle School.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend approval of the FHS Classics Club Certamen Team field trip to Dover, NH for a competition on November 13, 2010.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend the request of Joan Toye, Principal of JFKennedy to declare 522 Hartcourt Trophies books surplus.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend acceptance of 4 checks totaling \$2,467 from the Parmenter PCC grade 2 and 3 field trips.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend approval of the 2012 Capital Plan as discussed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

9. I recommend approval of the field trip request of Peter Light to take 20 students to Europe from June 24, 2011 to July 3, 2011 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

Mr. Glynn asked for a synopsis of the trip from Ms. Waters who was in the audience. They plan to travel to Europe for an opportunity to examine other cultures, their history and language. They will visit Budapest, Vienna, Prague and both Dresden and Berlin.

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski invited the Committee and the community to become involved in creating the Franklin High School Educational Vision. Strong Educational Visioning creates a school-based and community-based plan for change to improve teaching and learning, communication, and relationships in school and between school and community. Educational Visioning is the 'roadmap' for transforming schools and there is no better time for Visioning than when renovating a building. A

Futures Team workshop, led by Dr. Frank Locker, will be held November 29th, 30th and December 6th from 8:30 to 3:30. Mrs. Sabolinski also noted that Solutions is now housed in the Jefferson Elementary School and she is thrilled that this program has found a home in a school since it is an important part of the school district program. Finally, she mentioned that the newly formed walking club at the High School has been well received.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Rorhbach reported that the Budget Sub-Committee has begun the budget process and are looking for feedback as to any changes the Committee would like them to make to the budget process. She requested the Committee get back to her with suggestions. Mrs. Mullen mentioned that the Policy Sub-Committee met earlier in the evening and noted that they will have a new policy – Teacher Research Projects – for review at the next 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. Mr. Roy noted that the Anti-Bullying Task Force, whose aim 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, will open up a public comment period from now until December 9th. Anyone who would like to comment, should do so by attending the November 16th School Committee meeting or via e-mail or in writing. Mr. Roy also noted that Teen Angels and Wired Safety are holding an event at Dean College on December 9th at 6:30 p.m. and would like to invite members of the community.

#### 7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker