

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

February 23, 2010

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 Davis Thayer 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 Christie Gianetti were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, Director of Finance, and other invited guests. FHS representative Zach Price was not in attendance.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None

- Review of Agenda: Action Item B will be tabled and moved to the March 9, 2010 agenda. An Action Item to approve Budget Transfers will be added to the agenda.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the Executive and Open Session minutes from the February 9, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

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 Representative: Christie announced that the 3rd Annual Winter Carnival will be held this Sunday, February 28th. All proceeds will benefit the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Boston. She also noted that the Senior Banquet is March 3rd and the Sophomore Semi-Formal is March 12th. The sports teams at the High School are continuing to do well.

- Correspondence: A late correspondence from Stanley Kittredge was acknowledged.

Mr. Roy took this time to remind folks that the Committee has gone green in an effort to cut costs and save trees. This is the reason the School Committee members have laptops, enabling them to access information needed for the meeting.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Summary of Ethics Laws: Mrs. Sabolinski discussed this unfunded mandate which requires all municipal employees receive a summary of the State Ethic Laws and sign off that they have received them. They are then required to complete an Ethics Training Course on-line, which takes about 20-minutes. After they complete the course, they need to print out the signature page. The signature page will then be kept on file with the Town Clerk. She also noted that Elected Officials are also required to receive a copy of the Laws but are not required to complete the on-line training.

b. Update Strategic Plan and District Improvement Plan: Mrs. Sabolinski updated the Committee on the progress made thus far with regards to the Strategic Plan and District Improvement Plan. She discussed how the District is working on student achievement by focusing on Literacy and analyzing data to improve programs. The District is also building community relationships by partnering with the YMCA and is looking into partnering with Dean College. They are also focusing on social/civic expectations by taking a proactive approach to identifying students at risk of dropping out.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy – First Readings:

1. Policy EB – Safety Program: There was a change made to the last paragraph of this policy as well as updating the Legal References.

A motion was made to move Policy EB to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

2. Policy EEA – Student Transportation Policy Services and Eligibility: This Policy was reorganized and is now split into two policies: Policy EEA and Policy EEB.

A motion was made to move Policy EEA to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

3. Policy EEB – Student Transportation Policy Services and Eligibility: This Policy was created by splitting an existing policy into two separate policies: Policy EEA and Policy EEB. Mr. Cafasso noted a spelling mistake in this policy.

A motion was made to move Policy EEB to a second reading making the correction as noted.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

- Budget to Actual: Mrs. Rohrbach stated that she did not receive any questions with regards to the Budget to Actual.

4. Action Items:

a. I recommend acceptance of the gift of an Electronic Snap Circuits educational kit by Elenco for the students at Oak Street. The kit, which has a value of \$65.00, has over 50 pieces and allows students to build over 300 electronic projects/experiments.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

b. I recommend approval to establish the Franklin Arts Academy (FAA) using the small learning community model, at FHS for the 2010-2011 school year.

This action item was tabled until the March 9, 2010 meeting.

c. I recommend budget transfers at detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

Mrs. Goodman reviewed the budget transfers per Mrs. Rohrbach's request.

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report:

a. Ethics Laws: Mrs. Sabolinski requested that the members of the Committee sign the sign off sheet acknowledging that they received a copy of the Ethics Laws.

b. 2011-2012 School Calendar – 2 drafts: The Administration has put together two draft Calendars for the 2011-2012 school year. One calendar has a start date before Labor Day and the other has a start date after Labor Day. Mrs. Sabolinski is looking for the Committee's feedback.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mr. Cafasso noted that on March 1, 2010, the MSBA will meet and hopefully vote to approve the OPM chosen for the High School renovation project. Approval will then allow us to move forward and pick an Architect.

Mrs. Trahan noted that the Space Needs sub-committee met earlier in the evening. She commented that they have reviewed the data and will report back to the School Committee at the March 9, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Glynn wondered if the Community Relations sub-committee has heard from Mr. Rapoza regarding the new e-mail accounts. Mr. Cafasso noted that Mr. Rapoza is working on it and he will let us know when it will become active and if any training is needed.

Mr. Roy asked Mrs. Rohrbach to give a brief budget update. She commented that the sub-committee has met and made a couple of revisions. The revised budget will be reviewed at the March 9, 2010 School Committee meeting.

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

6. New Business:

- Mrs. Trahan reminded everyone of the FEF Trivia Bee which will be held on April 29, 2010.

- Mr. Glynn wondered if the Policy sub-committee was working on any Bullying policies. Mrs. Mullen said that they were.

- Mr. Roy noted that while in Nashville, TN touring colleges, a parent overheard that he was from Franklin, MA. That parent, who is a Professor at the University of Hartford, commented that they have a number of students in their Theater Department from Franklin and that they are very well trained.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker