

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

March 9, 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 4th grader from the Jefferson Elementary School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Glynn and FHS representatives Zach Price and Christie Gianetti were present. Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Miriam Goodman, Director of Finance, and other invited guests.

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 Executive and Open Session minutes from the February 23, 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 Representatives: Zach noted that winter sports have ended. The boys Hockey and Basketball teams made it to the second round. He also noted that the Senior Banquet was held this past Friday evening. Christie announced that Bye, Bye Birdie will be presented at the end of the month.
- Correspondence: Mr. Roy acknowledged the Budget to Actual from Miriam Goodman. He suggested Committee members forward any questions they may have to Mrs. Rohrbach.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. FY11 Budget: Mrs. Sabolinski, Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Goodman presented to the Committee the proposed FY11 Budget. The proposed budget is \$52,255,910. This represents a 3.89% increase over the current year's budget. A majority of the budget, 82%, covers the costs of Special Education Mandates, Health Care Benefits, and Personnel Salaries and Contractual Obligations. This proposed budget, which can be found on the School Department's website, will be presented to the Town for approval.

It was noted that this proposed budget is level service. It does not cut any programs and it does not bring back any programs that have been cut in the past, aside from the Late Bus. In addition, 1.5 ELL teacher positions have been added to the budget.

It was noted by Mrs. Rohrbach that the late bus is proposed to be brought back into the budget and she asked for some more information. Mrs. Goodman said that they plan on looking into ridership and the current bus routes. They expect to be able to make some changes to routes which will allow the late bus to be brought back without incurring any additional costs. Mrs. Sabolinski added that the School Department funds some afterschool activities that not all students can participate in because they lack a ride home. The late bus will enable all students to partake in these activities.

Mrs. Sabolinski stated that the DESE audit demonstrated that staffing levels were not adequate due to the increase of ELL students in the District. Mr. Cafasso asked if the hiring of 1.5 ELL teachers would satisfy the student-teacher ratio for ELL students. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that the additional position would be needed in the future to satisfy adequate staffing levels.

## 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Policy – Second Readings: There were no changes made to these policies.
  1. EB – Safety Program: This policy is slated to be approved as an Action Item.
  2. EEA – Student Transportation Policy – Services and Eligibility: This policy is

slated to be approved as an Action Item.

3. EEB – Student Transportation Policy – Services and Eligibility: This policy is slated to be approved as an Action Item.

• Anti-Bullying Task Force: Mr. Roy noted the draft Anti-Bullying Task Force Charge found in the Committee’s packet. Due to recent publicized events involving bullying, and the likelihood of anti-bullying legislation, the School Committee decided to form a Task Force to address bullying concerns and made recommendations for the implementation of policies and practices to combat this social problem. The Task Force which will report back to the Committee by June 15, 2010.

Mrs. Trahan mentioned that the Community Health Council (CHC) has done a great deal of work in this area, and should be an integral part of this task force. Mrs. Rohrbach echoed Mrs. Trahan’s sentiments and stated that student involvement would be extremely beneficial to the task force. She referred to the success of the Teen Angels. She also suggested that students involved with peer mentors be included. Mrs. Sabolinski also suggested peer mediators.

#### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of Policy EB – Safety Program.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend adoption of Policy EEA – Student Transportation Policy – Services and Eligibility.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend adoption of Policy EEB - Student Transportation Policy – Services and Eligibility.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$100.00 from Charron & Michael Holtzman in memory of Barbara Esterly, FHS cafeteria worker, for the FHS gift account.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,920.00 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips and buses.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend approval of the request of Judi Bassignani for the Parmenter

4th Grade field trip to the VMA Art & Cultural Center in Providence, RI on June 5, 2010.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500.00 from the JF Kennedy PCC for a 1st grade field trip and buses to Drumlin Farm.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend approval of the 7th Grade RMS field trip to Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, RI to see the play "Eureka!".

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

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

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

10. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$7,000.00 from the Keller PCC for 2 field trips and buses to the Museum of Science and Roger Williams Zoo.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

11. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,170.75 from Lifetouch for the Annie Sullivan MS student activity fund.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

12. I recommend acceptance of the donation of 25 laptop computers from Boston Scientific c/o Christine Tattrie to the Franklin Public Schools Technology Department.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

#### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report:

- a. Enrollment Comparisons: This was not discussed at this evening's meeting. Mrs. Sabolinski let the Committee know that the summary of the Solar Panel Project could be found in their packet.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan said that the Community Health Council met last Thursday evening and will organize a middle school cyberbullying panel. She also noted that the Space Needs Sub-Committee met on February 23, 2010. They are still in the process of reviewing information from their school tours and will report back to the Committee once

complete.

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

6. New Business:

- Mrs. Trahan wanted to remind everyone that the FEF Trivia Bee will be held on April 29, 2010. This year's subject is History. The School Committee has formed a team that will participate and she encouraged the formation of other teams.

7. Executive Session:

- Grievance

8. Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker