

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

May 11, 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:

Two students from the Parmenter 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: Mr. Roy noted the acceptance of the MSBA's Enrollment Report will be added as an Action Item.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the Executive and Open Session minutes from the April 27, 2010 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan

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 the Senior show, OSKY, was held last Tuesday and Thursday evening. He said that the show was a lot of fun. He also noted that in the next two weeks, seniors will take final exams and prepare for graduation.

Pat Slight, last year's student representative, spoke to the Committee about how well his Franklin education prepared him for college.

- Correspondence: The Budget to Actual and Transfers from Miriam Goodman as well as the corrected NEASC letter were acknowledged.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. DESE Coordinated Program Review Report: Mrs. Goodman and Michele Kingsland-Smith spoke to the Committee regarding the DESE Coordinated Program Review Report. The DESE looked at civil rights, the Special Education Program and the English Learner Education program. There are 23 different languages spoken by families throughout the District. The five major languages of the District, besides English, are Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Chinese and Telugu. One of the major findings in the Report is that the District needs to work on translating information and materials into these languages. Through Professional Development days, the District will need to train all faculty with the following: help teachers help students learn English, help teachers identify strategies for students to build vocabulary, help teachers learn how to assess students on English proficiency, and finally, help teachers learn strategies on how to pull critical content from books so students understand the content.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- School Choice: Mrs. Sabolinski stated that we are required to let the DESE and DOR know by June 1, 2010 if we will allow new students to participate in the School Choice program. We currently have 39 School Choice students who were accepted into the District when the District accepted School Choice students. We have a legal obligation to educate these children. Mrs. Sabolinski does not recommend accepting new School Choice students because budget concerns are expected to continue over the next few years as well as the fact that enrollment continues to increase while staff size does not. Mr. Roy noted that the State gives the District \$5,000 for each School Choice student. However, since we have lost so many staff members since the inception of School Choice, we cannot accept any new School Choice students. Mr. Roy asked if it was fair to say that we could bring back the program if we increase staffing. Mrs. Sabolinski said yes.

• First Reading – Policy JJFG Disposition of Student Activity Account: Mrs. Mullen made a motion to move this Policy to a second reading.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Approval: 7

• Further FY11 Budget Discussion: Mr. Roy stated he will keep this item on the Agenda until the June 8, 2010 override. Mr. Glynn mentioned that he went to the Kennedy School PCC meeting and there was a lot of concern regarding the possibility of a shortened day. He wondered how the bus scheduled would be affected. Mrs. Sabolinski said she will have a meeting with the bus company but feels that it would be better to have students arrive late one day versus an early dismissal. She reminded everyone that Solutions is available from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. should the need arise for parents.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the request of Anne Bergen for the field trip to Roger Williams Zoo on June 10, 2010 as detailed.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

2. I recommend acceptance of the donation of \$500.00 from the Keller PCC for field trips for Keller students.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

3. I recommend not participating in the school choice program for the 2010-2011 school year.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7

4. I recommend acceptance of the MSBA's Projected Enrollment Report.
Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach
Approval: 7

Mr. Roy noted that in this report, the MSBA used their own projection model and has determined that the High School only needs to be large enough to hold 1,650 students. The Town is required to sign off on this report in order to move forward with the High School project.

5. Information Matters:

• Superintendent's Report:

a. Enrollment Comparison for April 2009-2010: Mrs. Sabolinski stated that there are currently 1,624 students at the High School.

b. Bullying Law: The Anti-Bullying law is in effect and the District will look into how to implement this legislation.

c. School Choice: Mrs. Sabolinski noted she will get a letter out the DESE to inform them of our decision not to participate in School Choice.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan said that the Space Needs Sub-Committee met this evening and discussed looking at ways to determine capacity at each school.

- School Committee Liaison Reports: Mr. Cafasso stated that the School Building Committee met on May 5, 2010. He noted that RFP's were issued to twenty two architects. It is expected that more RFP's will be issued. The architects will have a walkthrough of the High School on May 19, 2010. Architects interested in submitting a proposal will do so to by May 27, 2010. The Town will review all submittals and delivers them to the MSBA. The MSBA will then submit all proposals to the Designer Selection Committee Board which will be made up of 12 members from the MSBA and 3 members from the Town of Franklin. The Designer Selection Committee Board will vote on which architects they would like to interview. Mr. Cafasso said that the School Committee will need to select one member to serve on this Board. Mr. Roy noted that Mr. Mercer will be at the June 8, 2010 School Committee meeting to let the Committee know what will be required of the member selected to serve on the Designer Selection Committee Board.

6. New Business:

- No new information discussed at this time.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker