

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 8, 2009

Call to order: 7:01 p.m. Mr. Roy

#### Pledge of Allegiance:

A 5th grader from the Davis Thayer School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Armenio, Mr. Cafasso, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Trahan, 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 minutes from the August 25, 2009 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 6 Abstain: 1

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Kelly

Motion: Mr. Kelly Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 7

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: Mr. Roy welcomed the new FHS student representatives. Zach Price is the senior class president. Christie Gianetti has been in student government at the High School since freshman year. Mr. Roy also read aloud and e-mail he received from former FHS Student Representative, Pat Slight. Pat welcomed the new representatives and let the Committee know that he is enjoying school.

- Correspondence: Mr. Roy acknowledged the Budget to Actual report from Miriam Goodman and noted the letter from Kristen Redpath.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. School Improvement Plans: The principals from the Middle Schools along with Mr. Light, Principal from the High School, spoke to the Committee regarding their School Improvement Plans. Each of the schools will continue to work towards increasing MCAS scores and continue to focus on the District wide Literacy Initiative amongst other goals outlined in their presentations to the Committee.

## 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Facilities Update: Mrs. Sabolinski spoke about the Facilities projects that were done at the schools over the summer, acknowledging the Facilities Department and DPW who worked tremendously hard to get these projects completed. She noted that 90% of the work was done at the High School. Mr. Roy commented that it is nice to see that we are on the cutting edge, speaking of the Media/Technology Center at the High School.

- Transportation Update: Mrs. Goodman noted that ridership is down, but not unexpected due to the downturn in the economy. Even though ridership is down, we are still running the same amount of buses, and seats are still available if needed. Mr. Cafasso wondered if we have hit the wall on how much more we can ask for in fees, he also wondered if we decrease the fees slightly, could we perhaps make more revenue. Mr. Cafasso also wanted to explore the option of offering a ½ ride – students can only take the bus home. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that this issue has never been explored. Mrs. Mullen commented that perhaps parents may already be paying for busing solely for that purpose.

- H1N1 Update: Mrs. Sabolinski and Mrs. Winslow continue to meet every other week with other Town officials to discuss H1N1. The School Department will collect data from the schools on attendance and illness rates in an effort to keep on top of this health issue. It was noted that the State will sponsor vaccination clinics which will be located at the local schools. It was also noted that Channel 5 will air a report on H1N1 next week and Mrs. Sabolinski urges parents to tune in. Mrs. Sabolinski will do a cable television show on September 16th to answer frequently asked questions. If you have a question you would like answered on the show, please e-mail Mrs. Sabolinski or Denise Miller.

- Superintendent's Goals: The Committee would like to set some goals for Mrs. Sabolinski. Mr. Roy asked if the Committee would like to use the same process they have used in the past, which has been to delegate one or more members of the Committee to meet with Mrs. Sabolinski to discuss goals. Mrs. Mullen has been the person in the past and will continue to do so. Mr. Roy suggested Committee members send e-mails to Mrs. Mullen with goal suggestions.

#### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of Horace Mann Middle School's School Improvement Plan.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend adoption of Remington Middle Schools School Improvement Plan.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend adoption of Annie Sullivan Middle School's School Improvement Plan.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend adoption of Franklin High School's School Improvement Plan.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$554.22 from the Tri County Partnership as Credit for Life for the FHS gift account.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Abstain: 1

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$100.00 from Kristen Redpath in memory of her late husband, Donald Redpath, for the FHS Science Department.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

#### 5. Information Matters:

##### • Superintendent's Report:

a. News you can use: Flyers from the YMCA, Cub Scouts, etc. will now be posted on-line by each school's website. This way parents won't be inundated with paperwork being sent home.

b. Back to School Update: Mrs. Sabolinski reported a good start to the school year. She said the first week of school went off pretty much without a glitch.

c. Enrollment Comparison: 19-20% of the incoming freshman class was lost to other high schools. This number is up about 9% over past years. Mr. Light will outreach to all the middle schools to let students and parents know about the reorganization of the High School, including the scheduling changes which brought class sizes down. Mrs. Rohrbach would like to know which schools students chose to go to.

d. Preliminary AYP Update: Mrs. Sabolinski did not discuss this.

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

6. New Business:

- Mrs. Trahan would like the date of the Lifelong Learning Recital.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker