

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

September 22, 2009

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. Mr. Roy

#### Pledge of Allegiance:

A 5th grader from the Jefferson 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 and other invited guests. Miriam Goodman, Director of Finance, was not in attendance.

#### Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

#### 1. Routine Business

- Citizens Comments: None

- Review of Agenda: Pandora Carlucci could not attend this evening's meeting. At a future meeting she will update the Committee on Lifelong Learning.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2009 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

- 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: Zach price mentioned that the new plasma televisions, donated by the senior class, have been installed at the High School.

- Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss at this meeting.

## 2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Elementary School's School Improvement Plans: The principals from the Elementary Schools spoke to the Committee regarding their School Improvement Plans. Each of the schools will continue to work towards the District wide Literacy Initiative amongst other goals outlined in their presentations to the Committee.

Mrs. Sabolinski added that she sees more consistency amongst the elementary schools with school based and District wide initiatives.

## b. Policy – Second Readings:

- GBAB Acceptable Use Policy: The changes suggested at the August 25, 2009 School Committee meeting have been incorporated into this policy.
- GBAB-E1 Acceptable Use Agreement 6-12: As discussed at the August 25, 2009 School Committee meeting, more concrete rules were put into place with regards to this exhibit.

Mr. Roy is happy with the changes made to the agreement, and would like to make sure all this information gets into the handbooks.

- GBAB-E2 Acceptable Use Agreement K-5: The changes suggested at the August 25, 2009 School Committee meeting have been incorporated into this policy.
- JT Electronic Device Policy: The language change Mrs. Rohrbach suggested at the August 25, 2009 meeting is now incorporated into this policy.
- JU Electronic Communication Policy: Mr. Cafasso questioned if the term "school-sanctioned" is the best term to use in this policy and it was determined that it is. Mr. Cafasso finds the phrase "good behavior" too subjective. He suggests using language found in the GBAB policy to replace this phrase and the Committee agreed.

## 3. Discussion Only Items:

- Budget to Actual: Mrs. Rohrbach stated there were no questions forwarded to her regarding the budget to actual.

## 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend adoption of Policy GBAB Acceptable Use Policy.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

2. I recommend adoption of Policy GBAB-E1 Acceptable Use Agreement 6-12.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend adoption of Policy GBAB-E2 Acceptable Use Agreement K-5.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Armenio  
Approval: 7

4. I recommend adoption of Policy JT Electronic Device Policy.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

5. I recommend adoption of Policy JU Electronic Communication Policy.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

This policy was approved with the intention of making Mr. Cafasso's suggested changes.

6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$117.86 from Target's Take Charge of Education Program for the Annie Sullivan Middle School for in-house enrichment and supplies.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

7. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000.00 from the Oak Street PCC for a 3rd grade field trip to Plimouth Plantation as detailed.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$112.31 from Target's Take Charge of Education Program for the Horace Mann Middle School.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

9. I recommend adoption of Davis Thayer's School Improvement Plan as detailed.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

10. I recommend adoption of Jefferson's School Improvement Plan as detailed.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

11. I recommend adoption of Keller's School Improvement Plan as detailed.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

12. I recommend adoption of Kennedy's School Improvement Plan as detailed.  
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

13. I recommend adoption of Oak Street's School Improvement Plan as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

14. I recommend adoption of Parmenter's School Improvement Plan as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

#### 5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report:

- a. H1N1 Update: Information about H1N1 can be found on the School Departments website, including a cable show Mrs. Sabolinski participated in.

- b. English Language Learners (ELL's): The District currently has 60 students who are ELL's and only 2.5 teachers servicing these students. Mrs. Sabolinski feels this population of students is under serviced and is requesting an additional .5 teacher. ELL teachers do such things as translate instructional manuals, provide direct instructional services and train teachers to effectively teach ELL's. It was also noted that this is an unfunded mandated program.

- c. Coordinated Program Review: In December the Department of Education will conduct interviews with staff and tour the school buildings.

- d. Students Leaving the District: Mr. Light surveyed parents in the spring and will forward data electronically to the Committee as to why students have left the District.

- 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 noted that the FEF will hold Casino Night on November 20, 2009.

- Mrs. Rohrbach mentioned that Senator Spilka recently filed a bill (S278) which proposes a comprehensive review of the State's funding model for education. Mrs. Rohrbach suggested that a document regarding the state of our schools be developed, which would outline how the current funding model has impacted our schools. She respectfully requested that this be discussed by the Community Relations subcommittee.

#### 7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker