

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

November 17, 2009

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance:

A 5th grader 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: No additional items.

- Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 27, 2009 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

I recommend approval of the minutes from the November 4, 2009 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 6 Abstain: 1

- 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 announced report cards went out today.

He also mentioned that the football team has a record of 10-0. They play the league championship game on Thanksgiving Day. Christie commented that Spirit Week has started.

- Correspondence:

1. Budget to Actual: Mr. Roy noted the Budget to Actual.

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. MASS Academic Excellence Awards: Kimberly Takahata and Christopher Anderson both received the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents award for academic excellence from Mrs. Sabolinski. Mr. Light commented that Kimberly is currently the top student in the senior class and is also an excellent musician. Christopher is number two in the senior class. Over the summer he attended Oxford University and was one of only five students out of sixty nine to be given credit for his work at Oxford.

- b. MCAS Presentation: Michele Kingsland-Smith and Beth Fitzmaurice spoke to the Committee regarding the MCAS performances from last spring.

Students in the aggregate (all students) continue to out perform the State on the same tests in ELA & Math. 83% of students scored in the advanced or proficient range for ELA and 74% for Math. All low income subgroups outperformed comparable State subgroups in each tested area. All special education subgroups in grades 3-10 outperformed comparable State subgroups in each of the subject tests. While Franklin's CPI score and performance ratings for subgroups shows consistently higher performance ratings compared to State data, the District recognizes that much work must continue to focus on reducing the performance gap between special education and low income student performance in the District aggregate performance levels.

The District met AYP and has maintained this status for four consecutive years. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is a measure of the extent to which students in the District have demonstrated proficiency in ELA and mathematics and was implemented by the State in 2003. While the District's aggregate and subgroups in ELA met AYP, the District will need to improve subgroup performance in math on the 2010 tests in order to continue to meet annual yearly progress. The District is taking several steps to ensure improved subgroup mathematics performance.

- c. Capital Plans: The School Department is putting together a proposal that will be forwarded to the Town Administrator and then presented to the Town Council for approval in the event that Capital money becomes available. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that in all likelihood, no Capital money would be available for these requests from the Town's budget. She asked principals to come up with

a list of their needs and looked systemically throughout the District. She would like to replace two Special Ed Vans per year in a cyclical fashion. Also, a door needs to be replaced at Kennedy as well as carpet. Carpet needs to be replaced at Parmenter and a security system needs to be installed at Helen Keller Annie Sullivan complex. The total of these requests come to \$468,000. Tim Rapoza would like to request \$200,000 worth of technology updates. He is looking for laptops and wireless access at Kennedy and 24 smart boards for the elementary schools. He would also like to install a digital audio/video system that will allow the distribution of content to designated schools over the proposed town/school fiber network.

A five-minute recess was taken.

### 3. Discussion Only Items:

- First Reading – Policy JIEE Pregnant Students: Mrs. Winslow noted that we are out of compliance with regards to our policy regarding pregnant students. A wording change was made to the current policy. Susan Nichols from the DESE will be here on Thursday and will let us know if the new proposed policy is worded correctly. Mrs. Mullen made a motion to move this policy to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

- Sub-Committee Review: School Committee members were assigned positions for the various Sub-Committees. A motion was made to dissolve the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee which is not active anymore.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

A motion was made to dissolve the FHS Sub-Committee due to the fact that there is now a School Building Committee, and two members from the School Committee sit on that Committee.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip for the 3 middle schools to New York City to see Mary Poppins as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

Mr. Glynn wondered how the children were insured during these trips. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the children are covered under the Town's insurance policy.

2. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500.00 from Amy & Dana Lilly for the Annie Sullivan Student Activity Account for in-house enrichment, supplies & scholarships.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,450.00 from the various sports boosters (as listed) for television installation at FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

4. I recommend approval of the request of Corine Minkle to declare outdated reading and math materials and old text books surplus for disposal.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

Mrs. Sabolinski noted that they try and sell the books and return the profits to the budget.

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,800.00 from the Franklin Music Boosters for in-house enrichment at the FHS.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

6. I recommend approval of the Technology capital plan.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend approval of the Facilities capital plan.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

8. I recommend approval of the Budget Transfers and declassification as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

• Superintendent's Report:

a. Enrollment Comparison 10/31/08 to 10/30/09: Enrollment is down slightly which means a loss of foundation funding. Mrs. Sabolinski will report back to the Committee with final data.

b. Capital Request Process: This information can be found in the Committee's packet.

c. FHS Art Gallery 218: Mrs. Sabolinski noted the showing of K-12 art at the

High School.

- 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 reminded everyone of the FEF Casino night to be held at the Elks Lodge on Friday, November 20th.
- Mr. Cafasso asked for an HINI update. Mrs. Sabolinski stated that there was a flurry of absences but that has tapered off. There is still no word on when the vaccination clinic will be available. Mr. Cafasso wondered about the latest opinions on the vaccinations. Mrs. Trahan mentioned that everyone should still get vaccinated due to the fact that the virus can mutate.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations: This was held at 6 p.m., prior to the start of the public meeting.

8. Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker