

## Welcome

### Franklin School Committee Minutes

January 27, 2009

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance:

An 8th grader from the Annie Sullivan Middle School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Armenio, Mr. Cafasso, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Trahan, and FHS representative Pat Slight were present. Also present were Superintendent Wayne Ogden, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, and other invited guests. FHS representative Brittany MacLeod was not in attendance.

#### Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

#### 1. Routine Business

· Citizens Comments: None

· Review of Agenda: Mr. Roy announced there was no need for an Executive Session this evening so it was removed from the Agenda.

· Minutes:

I recommend approval of the minutes from the January 13, 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 Representative:

Pat Slight mentioned that Mr. Light took over as Principal of Franklin High School on Monday, and that Mrs. Neal replaced Mr. Light's position as Assistant Principal. He informed everyone that on February 4, 2009, a Jazz Café

will be held at Remington Jefferson School at 7 p.m. He also reminded us about the Winter Carnival which will be held on March 1, 2009 to benefit the Hasbro Children's Hospital.

· Correspondence:

1. Letter from Bethany Trainor: Mr. Roy acknowledged the letter from Bethany Trainor.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Lifelong Learning Update:

Pandora Carlucci presented the Committee with an update on Lifelong Learning. This self-sustained program offers Adult Education, MCAS Support, Solutions, Summer Programs, and Private Music Lessons, just to name a few. Mr. Kelly pointed out that this self-sustained program doesn't cost the town anything and offers great opportunities to everyone in the town. Mrs. Sabolinski commented that this program extends our instructional program and acknowledged Pandora for all her hard work and effort.

b. Strategic Plan Update:

Several members from the Strategic Planning Steering Committee were in attendance to update the Committee on their progress thus far. The Strategic Plan is a 5-year roadmap that informs educational decision-making in the Franklin Public Schools. The Steering Committee will solicit input from all interested parties in the community with regard to the core values, vision and mission of the Franklin Public Schools. Because the core values, vision and mission articulated in the Strategic Plan will guide decisions regarding our children's education for the next five years, it is vital that the interests of the community are represented. The Steering Committee is in the process of developing a survey, which will be given to stakeholders to develop a District Improvement Plan.

c. FY10 Budget Overview:

The budget Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Sabolinski and Mrs. Goodman are formulating is a level service budget with no increases to services. To accomplish this, there is a need for a \$3.5 million increase driven by employee's contractual salary increases, increased cost in healthcare, increased cost of transportation and increased cost of special education. Mr. Ogden commented that once the Governor finalizes the State's budget, this proposed budget will likely need to be revised and some difficult choices will need to be made.

3. Discussion Only Items:

· Make Up Day for HMMS/Oak/ECDC Complex: Back in September, this complex was closed for a day due to water pipes bursting. Mr. Ogden asked for but did not receive permission from the Commissioner for a waiver. That day will need to be made up. Mr. Creedon from the Franklin Education Foundation, Principals from the complex and the Administration tried to figure out the best

way to make up the day. They suggested a half-day on Good Friday, but that was not warmly received by the faculty. Another option is adding a day at the end of the school year. Mr. Roy suggested Mr. Ogden make a recommendation and put it as an action item on the next meeting's agenda.

· Peanut Butter in our Schools: Due to the recent salmonella outbreak from peanut butter, all products containing peanut butter have been removed from the food service program until the situation is resolved. It was noted that none of the products sold in the school were on the FDA's list, but precautions were still taken.

· First Reading of Policy KCDB – School Based Advertising Content: A motion was made to move the policy to a second reading.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

#### 4. Action Items:

1. I recommend approval of budget transfers as detailed on the attached list.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

Mrs. Goodman gave a quick overview of the budget transfers per Mrs. Armenio's request.

2. I recommend acceptance of the donation of \$2,500.00 from the Helen Keller PCC for a field trip and buses to the Museum of Fine Arts for Keller's 4th grade students.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

3. I recommend approval of the field trip to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI for Keller's 5th graders on May 1, 2009.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

4. I recommend the hiring of an Educational Assistant for the ALP that has not been budgeted for.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$350.00 from B&B Framers and B.F. Kushner of Franklin for mat boards for art for the Jefferson Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan  
Approval: 7

6. I recommend approval of the FHS Cheerleading field trip to Atlantic City, NJ for a competition from 2/13 – 2/15/09 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

7. I recommend signing and ratifying the contract between Maureen Sabolinski and the Franklin School Committee for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 7

5. Information Matters:

· Superintendent's Report:

a. Make Up Day – School Calendar Change: see information on subject matter above.

b. Neglect and Abuse: Mr. Ogden mentioned that information on this can be found in the Committee's packet.

c. Special Education Educational Assistant: Mr. Ogden noted that Mrs. Neal has replaced Mr. Light's position as Assistant Principal. That leaves her position vacant and it will need to be filled.

d. Peanut Butter: see information on subject matter above.

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

· School Committee Liaison Reports: Mr. Cafasso mentioned that the School Building Committee accepted the School Committee's recommendations for use of any monies for Capital Improvements.

6. New Business:

· Mrs. Armenio reminded everyone that the only time to see both the Middle School and High School Jazz ensembles playing together will be at the Jazz Café.

· Mrs. Trahan reminded everyone that the Franklin Education Foundation is holding their annual Trivia Bee on March 19, 2009. This year, the topic will be TV Trivia.

· Mr. Cafasso mentioned that there is an unfounded concern in the community that we let the High School go to decay. He stated that we have made several investments to maintain the High School but noted that over time, people tend to forget. He asked that the Administration put together a list of improvements made to the high school over the last 10 years, of greater than \$10,000.

7. Adjourn: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker