

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

March 10, 2009

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

A 3rd grader from the Jefferson Elementary School recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 February 24, 2009 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Armenio

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

· Payment of Bills: Mr. Kelly

Motion: Mr. Kelly Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

· Payroll:

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

· FHS Student Representatives:

Brittany MacLeod reported that the Music Department is performing a show on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 7 p.m., at the Horace Mann Auditorium. She also mentioned that the Senior Awards Night is June 1st with a reception to follow and Senior Class Day is June 4th. Finally, progress reports will be handed out

this Thursday. Pat Slight reported that spring sports begin soon. He also mentioned that the wrestling team won the State Championship. The Winter Carnival held last weekend made \$5,000 for the Tomorrow Fund, which benefits the Hasbro Children's Hospital. Pat also mentioned that he will participate in the Annual Trivia Bee with a group of other students from the High School.

· Correspondence:

1. Budget to Actual: Mr. Roy mentioned the Committee can find this information in their packets.

2. Budget Transfers: Mr. Roy mentioned that the Committee can find this information in their packets.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Rachel Porter – 100 points Girls Ice Hockey (with Peter Light): Mr. Roy presented Rachel Porter with a certificate honoring her 100th career goal for the Franklin Girls Ice Hockey Team.

b. HMMS – Math Counts Competition – Most Improved Team Certificates (Teacher/Coach: Andi Ridley): The following students were presented with a certificate from Mr. Roy: Askshat Agrawal, Azmina Aysha, Rachel Balon, Sanjay Batchu, Abhilasha Boruah, Ben Burke, Rachita Chaudhury, Brendan Lewis, Ajey Pandey, and Nithya Sridhar for their participation in the National Math Counts Competition.

c. HMMS Enrichment Model Presentation: Dr. Bergen, along with several teachers from the Horace Mann Middle School spoke to the Committee about the Enrichment Model at Horace Mann. The basis of the Model is to provide students with hands on real world learning in areas that go beyond what is taught in the classroom. For example, students have shown interest in learning more about robotics, fashion design, the making of I-movies, digital photography, architectural design, and crime scene investigation. Through collaboration with various institutions such as Boston University, MIT and Raytheon, this is made possible. Dr. Bergen also mentioned that they are looking for people in the Community who would like to offer their time and expertise to this program.

3. Discussion Only Items:

· FY 2010 Budget Matters: Mr. Roy mentioned that the numbers for the FY2010 Budget keep changing on a daily basis. It is his intention to keep this item on the agenda until a public hearing is held, most likely in early April.

· Ten-Year Summary of Capitol Projects at FHS: Per Mr. Cafasso's request, Mr. D'Angelo provided the Committee with a document outlining the projects that have been completed at the high school in excess of \$10,000 over the past ten years. More than \$6 million has been spent on the infrastructure and surrounding grounds. Mr. D'Angelo was unable to attend this evening's

meeting. He will attend the next meeting to answer any questions the Committee may have. Mr. Ogden suggested the Committee forward any questions to him in advance so that Mr. D'Angelo will be better prepared to answer them.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,000.00 from the Jefferson PCC for field trips for the Jefferson 1st grade to Southwick's Zoo and the 5th grade to the Freedom Trail.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

2. I recommend approval of the FHS Art Department's request for a field trip to NY Metropolitan Museum of Art on May 16, 2009 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Mullen Second: Mrs. Armenio

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

3. I recommend appointment of Sally Winslow to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Student Services effective July 1, 2009.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

4. I recommend approval of the FHS's request for a recurring field trip for 20 students to the University of New Hampshire on March 14, 2009 for their annual Jazz Festival on March 14, 2009 as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Armenio

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$501.02 from the FHS Class of 1942 for a scholarship for the FHS Class of 2009.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Armenio

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

6. I recommend approval of the recurring field trip to the Providence Place Mall for Remington Middle School students as detailed.

This Action Item was tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Kelly questioned when the field trip would take place and wondered what movie they intend to view.

5. Information Matters:

· Superintendent's Report:

a. Enrollment Comparison: Mr. Ogden did not discuss this issue.

b. FY08 Per Pupil Expenditure Comparison to State Average: Mr. Ogden mentioned that Franklin spends \$2,700 below the state average on each child

in the Franklin School System. Yet, we perform above the state average on testing. This proves that our teachers and children do a great job with the resources they are given. He noted that last year we were below in 10 out of 11 categories. As he predicted, this year we fall below in 11 out of 11 categories. He feels if we keep heading down this track, we will fall below net spending. If this becomes the case, the Town will need to take money from the Municipal side to fund the schools.

c. FHS Building Projects Literacy Initiative: Mr. Ogden did not discuss this issue.

· 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. Mullen mentioned that the Annie Sullivan PCC is hosting the Harlem Wizards this Friday evening, March 13th, 7 p.m. at the Tri County Regional High School. It was also mentioned that Mr. Roy will play on the Annie Sullivan team.

· Mrs. Trahan reminded everyone of the Annual Trivia Bee which will be held on March 19th at 7 p.m. at the Horace Mann Middle School auditorium. The theme of this year's Trivia Bee will be TV trivia.

· Mrs. Armenio mentioned donations are wanted for Gowns Again, an organization that provides gently used cocktail gowns, bridesmaid gowns, and prom gowns to local girls.

· Mrs. Rohrbach wanted to thank the Davis Thayer PCC for the Silent Auction they held. She said that it was phenomenal and wanted to commend all PCC's for all the help they provide to our schools.

7. Executive Session:

· Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker