

Welcome

Franklin School Committee Minutes

June 23, 2009

Call to order: 7:03 p.m. Mr. Roy

Pledge of Allegiance:
Mr. Roy recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Armenio, Mr. Cafasso, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Rohrbach, and Mrs. Trahan. Also present were Assistant Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski and other invited guests. Mr. Ogden and Mrs. Mullen were not in attendance as well as the FHS student representatives.

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 June 9, 2009 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

- Payment of Bills: Mr. Kelly

Motion: Mr. Kelly Second: Mrs. Armenio

Approve: 6 Absent: 1

- Payroll:

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

- FHS Student Representatives: The FHS representatives were not in attendance this evening.

- Correspondence: Mr. Roy acknowledged the letter from the School Committee to Mr. Peter Light.

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Sam Scoba – Chosen All-American by the USLA (United States Lacrosse Association) and Hockomock League MVP: Mr. Roy presented an award to Sam Scoba for his accomplishments.

b. Plaque for Senior Project – Sascha B. Werner: Ms. Werner showed the Committee a plaque with the names of all the students who participated in the Senior Project. The plaque will be on display at the High School.

c. Community Health Council Update – Michele Kingsland-Smith: Michele presented the Committee with an update on the Community Health Council. The 2006 Metro West Survey showed that bullying and cyber-bullying are a problem for students in grades 6-12. Underage drinking was identified as a problem for students in grades 9-12. As a result, the Council, which meets every other month, implemented educational programs on cyber-bullying and alcohol abuse and underage drinking.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Town - School Agreement: A document has been drafted with a methodology for calculating school-related town expenditures for use in completing the Massachusetts Department of Education End of Year Pupil and Financial Report. Miriam Goodman discussed this agreement with the Committee and recommends its acceptance.

- Budget to Actual: Mrs. Rohrbach stated that there were no questions forwarded to her from other School Committee members regarding the Budget to Actual monthly report.

- FY10 Budget: Mr. Roy stated that during the last Budget Sub-Committee meeting, the Town Administrator, Mr. Nutting, made an announcement that Chapter 70 has been cut by 2% or \$574,000 and the Stimulus Funds have decreased to \$219,000. Also, the Circuit Breaker Funding has been reduced to \$228,000. That totals about \$1.1 million less going towards the budget. How this reduction will be absorbed by both the Town and School Department will be discussed over the course of the next few weeks.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of three checks from the Remington PCC totaling \$376.76 for field trips as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

2. I recommend the acceptance of the donation of the installation of the flagpole from the 5th grade students for the Parmenter Elementary School.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$800.00 from the ASMS PCC for buses for an 8th grade field trip.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 5 Abstain: 1 Absent: 1

4. I recommend adoption of the Town-School Agreement as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. I recommend acceptance of a Japanese Maple Tree from the FHS Young Democrats Club.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

Mrs. Armenio wondered what would happen to the tree in the event the High School is renovated. As has been done in the past, all efforts will be made to successfully transplant the tree.

6. I recommend approval of Budget Transfers as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach Second: Mrs. Trahan

Approval: 6 Absent: 1

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report:

- a. MSBA: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that Committee received a copy of the letter sent by the MSBA outlining the process for moving forward. She will keep the Committee posted on any new information.

- b. Stimulus Money: As mentioned above in the FY10 Budget portion, the stimulus fund money has been cut from \$448,000 to \$219,000. It has yet been determined how this reduction will be absorbed by the Town and School Department.

- c. Special Education: Linda Waters last day will be on June 24, 2009. She is the current Director of Special Education.

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

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

7. New Business: With regards to the FEA vote for a salary deferment, Mr. Cafasso wanted to thank the teachers union for their great sacrifice. He also went on to say that it is unfortunate that we have to ask this of anyone. He acknowledged that with less staff, teachers have less time to do more work. The Committee places tremendous value on teachers and have strived to preserve teachers over the years, but over the past few years have had to make

cuts to teaching positions. On a final note he let everyone know how he did not appreciate the negative comments made about Mr. Roy in various blogs regarding the negotiations between the FEA and School Committee.

It was noted that both Brittany MacLeod and Pat slight sent thank you notes to the members of the Committee for the gifts they received from them at the last meeting.

Mrs. Sabolinski thanked all of the Committee members for all they do for the children and community.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations

8. Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker