

Franklin School Committee
April 9, 2024
Municipal Building – Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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At 7:00pm, Mr. Callaghan called the meeting to order.

In attendance was: Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Ms. Erin Gallagher-Yes-Zoom; Dr. Paul Griffith-Yes; Mr. David McNeill-Yes; Ms. Ruthann O’Sullivan-Yes; Mr. KP Sompally-Yes

Also in attendance was: Mr. Lucas Giguere; Dr. Robert Dutch; Dr. Tina Rogers; Mrs. Paula Marano

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Laluna is an 8th grade student at Horace Mann Middle School. Michael is a passionate musician and an engaged student. We are pleased to have him represent our school tonight.

Michael is an honors student at HMMS and is described by his teachers as a kind, hard-working young man with a great attitude and a love of music.

Michael plays the French Horn, or commonly referred to as “the horn”, in the HMMS Symphony Band. He plays in the Honors Band and has qualified for the Central District Music Festival the past two years. Michael is interested in continuing his musical pursuits at FHS next year.

In addition to music, Michael has great interest in Astronomy and Geography. He is looking forward to the Solar Eclipse on April 8th and has a goal to travel to Italy.

It is with great pleasure that Ms. Motte, Mrs. Santosuosso and the Horace Mann teachers recognize Michael tonight. We thank him for all the ways he has had a positive impact on the Horace Mann Middle School community!

Moment of Silence

I. Routine Business

- A. Review of Agenda** - reviewed and in order
- B. Payment of Bills** - reviewed and in order
- C. Payroll** - reviewed and in order
- D. FHS Student Representative Comments** - there was none

E. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Giguere spoke about the food recycling program and how 70.7 tons of waste have been removed from regular waste since implementation of the program.

This information will be also shared at the Town Council meeting.

He spoke about the 200 FHS seniors who are participating in the Senior Project, a 70 hour internship in an area of study that is of interest to the student.

Presentations will take place on 5/21/24.

He gave a school facilities assessment update. He said there have been a series of forums designed to gather stakeholder feedback and workshops to engage all the school levels and the community. He noted that there is a half-day on 4/14/24.

Finally, he wished everyone a safe and restful break.

Mr. Callaghan asked the committee for any questions/comments from the committee?

Mr. Griffith said it is important for the community to understand about the

master facilities plan and have community engagement.

Mr. Charles asked if 70.7 tons are just for FY24 or since the program started?

Mr. Giguere replied that to his understanding it is the total since the program started.

Mr. Charles asked about cost saving to the district

Mr. Giguere replied that he doesn't know the cost savings at this time but will find out.

Mr. Charles asked about the possible concept of transitioning to real silverware from plastic in the cafeteria.

Mr. Giguere replied that the idea has not passed by his desk as of yet.

Mr. McNeill shared the enthusiasm for the recycling program and asked when it began?

Mr. Giguere replied that it began last fall at ASMS, last winter at Remington, and last spring at HMMS.

Ms. O'Sullivan said the middle school students are excited about senior projects that will take place within the middle school music programs.

Mr. Sompally spoke about cost savings with the food service program.

Mr. Giguere replied that people appreciate the food service program and praised the Food Service Director, Colin Boisvert.

II. Guests/Presentations

A. Horace Mann Highlights Ms. Becky Mottie and Ms. Jenn Santosuosso

****See presentation slides for more detailed information***

Ms. Motte spoke about the Six Pillars of Character, district goals and middle school goals.

She spoke about community partnerships such as Franklin Public Library, the Franklin Cultural Council, visiting authors, and team building at the YMCA.

Ms. Santosuosso spoke about visiting author Jordan Sonnelbleck and how he engaged the students through small group sessions.

Ms. Motte spoke about the School Resource Officer, Amanda Ayer and how she contributes to HMMS.

Ms. Motte spoke about community and citizenship such as peer leaders, organizing food drives, and Unified Basketball.

Ms. Motte also spoke about their PCC partnership. She talked about the recent winter social in January and the yearbook.

She also spoke about field trips at each grade level.

She discussed Open Sci Ed, UDL, and Project Based Learning.

Finally, she spoke about rigorous and engaging curriculum and high quality instruction.

Mr. Callaghan asked the committee for any questions/comments from the committee?

Mr. Sompally asked about anti-bullying programs?

Ms. Motte replied there is a small component through the YMCA trip, an anti-bullying unit in health class and a social emotional curriculum called Second Step.

Ms. O'Sullivan asked about the LGBTQ community and no longer having a club specific for this group?

Ms. Motte replied that it is unfortunate that the club is not happening. She added that they have been able to incorporate these lessons through their advisory program.

Ms. O'Sullivan noted that having the school send out resources on specific topics would be helpful as well.

Ms. Motte replied that that is a good idea and noted their Student Services staff is available to the HMMS students and families.

Ms. O'Sullivan also noted that the middle school students enjoy having the high school students to partner with on different occasions.

Ms. Motte agreed and noted that the SCOPE club at FHS just put on an event for middle school students.

Mr. McNeill praised them both for their accomplishments at HMMS this year.

Mr. Charles praised their work centered around literacy.

Mr. Charles asked about the YMCA team building program and how it is funded?

Ms. Motte replied that there is a partnership with the YMCA and the only cost to HMMS is for the buses to transport the students.

Mr. Griffith noted that he appreciates the fact they are engaging the students in complex areas of science that are typically presented in high school.

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. FY25 Budget Vote

I recommend approval of the FY25 School Budget in the amount of \$81,319,261.00 as discussed.

Mr. Callaghan asked the committee for any questions/comments from the committee?

Ms. Gallagher said that the budget reflects the needs of the schools right now.

Mr. Griffith said that it is an important decision and the budget highlights what is going to be required.

Mr. Charles thanked Dr. Dutch and his team. He said he appreciates the work that has been done.

Mr. McNeill thanked everyone for their hard work and long hours.

Ms. O'Sullivan said that this is a realistic budget.

Mr. Sompally thanked Mr. Giguere and his team for their patience in answering all the questions.

Mr. Callaghan said that the town administrator will be releasing his recommended budget on Friday. He added that there is a town council meeting on 4/10/24.

Ms. O'Sullivan said the community can make a difference by reaching out to the Town Council through email or during citizen comments.

Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles

Roll call vote: Mr. Charles-Yes; Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr.Griffith-Yes;

Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O'Sullivan-Yes;

Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

B. School Choice Vote

I recommend that the School Committee not accept new School Choice students for the 2024-2025 School year as discussed.

Mr. Giguere said the School Committee is required to vote on this annually.

Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles

Roll call vote: Mr. Charles-Yes; Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr.Griffith-Yes;

Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O’Sullivan-Yes;

Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

C. Policy – 2nd Reading / Adoption

I recommend adoption of policy JFABB – Admittance of Foreign Exchange Students as discussed.

Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles

Roll call vote: Mr. Charles-Yes; Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr.Griffith-Yes;

Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O’Sullivan-Yes;

Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

IV. Discussion Only Items - there was none

V. Information Matters

A. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports

- 1. Superintendent Evaluation** - will be presenting a timeline next month
- 2. Budget** - next meeting 4/30/24; Joint SC and TC meeting is 4/24/24
- 3. Policy** - met 4/9/24
- 4. Community Relations** - meeting postponed; next meeting 4/10/24

B. School Committee Liaison Reports

- 1. Joint PCC** - met 4/8/24
- 2. School Wellness Advisory Council** - met last week
- 3. SEPAC** - N/A
- 4. Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force** - met 4/9/24; will have a booth at the Strawberry Stroll

5. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - next meeting 4/25/24
6. **Comprehensive School Facilities Planning Committee** - recently had two meetings and community forums.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2024 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

B. FEF Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,500.00 from the Franklin Education Foundation for supplemental supplies as detailed.

C. Keller Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$6,900.00 from the Keller PCC for Field Trips as detailed.

D. Music Gifts

I recommend acceptance of two checks totalling \$455.00 from Music parents as detailed:

\$40.00	Parent	In-house enrichment
\$415.00	Parents	Field Trip

E. Oak St. Recurring Prov. Children's Museum Field Trip

I recommend approval of the request of Brad Hendrixson to take 1st graders to the Providence RI Children's Museum on May 2, 2024 as detailed.

F. Oak St. Recurring RW Zoo Field Trip

I recommend approval of the request of Brad Hendrixson to take 2nd graders to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI on June 6, 2024 as detailed.

G. ASMS Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,760.00 from the ASMS PCC for field trips as detailed.

Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles

Roll call vote: Mr. Charles-Yes; Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr.Griffith-Yes;

Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O'Sullivan-Yes;

Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

VII. Good of the Order

Mr. Griffith asked if they could provide a specific line item on each agenda regarding the master facilities process and for a timeline to be shared.

VIII. Citizen's Comments

Ms. Selena Cousin, 114 Beech Street

Ms. Cousin expressed how there are middle school parents who are still upset that there are no middle school clubs or leadership opportunities.

IX. New Business

To discuss any future agenda items

Mr. Giguere shared the anticipated items for the 4/30/24 meeting and other important dates:

- April 24 at 7pm: SC and Town meeting at FHS
- Superintendent evidence
- Budget Conversations
- Master Facilities

X. Mr. Callaghan asked for an adjournment to end the meeting.

Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles

Roll call vote: Mr. Charles-Yes; Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr.Griffith-Yes;

Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O'Sullivan-Yes;

Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

XI. Adjournment at 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Tocci, Secretary

SCAgenda 4-9-24

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Payroll Warrant #2420 MISC Summary.pdf

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HMMS School Highlight 2023-2024.pdf

Discussion Action A - FY25 Budget Vote.pdf

Discussion Action B - School Choice Vote.pdf

Discussion Action C - Policy.pdf

Consent Action A - Minutes.pdf

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