

Franklin School Committee

July 14, 2020

7:00 P.M.

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Franklin School Committee

Minutes

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Peter Fasciano of Franklin TV was located at Franklin TV
No one present from the Milford Daily News

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Dr. Bergen

Also present were: Dr. Sara Ahern; Mrs. Miriam Goodman; Dr. Joyce Edwards. Mr. Lucas Giguere was not present.

Franklin High School Representatives Present: None

Roll Call for attendance:

Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - Yes; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

1. Routine Business

a. Review of Agenda - All is fine.

b. Citizen's Comments - None

i. In the spirit of open communication, "the Committee will hold a public participation segment (also called Citizen's Comments) about matters not related to an agenda item at the beginning of each regular School Committee meeting. The Committee will listen to, but not respond to any comment made.... A Committee member may add an agenda item to a future meeting as a result of a citizen comment.... The Committee will hear public comments related to an agenda item when the Chair deems appropriate during the Committee meeting. Topics for discussion during the meeting must be limited to those items listed on the Committee meeting agenda for that evening...." - from Policy BEDH

c. FHS Student Representative Comments - none

d. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ahern shared that this week is the week for the Massachusetts Superintendents Conference and we will be meeting virtually for the next two days. She explained that they were discussing reopening of schools, safety, new guidelines, racial justice, self care and many other topics.

She also spoke about how the video on demand is up and running and the link will be put out tomorrow in the newsletter.

She stated that she will also be speaking about the reopening plan later tonight.

2. Guests/Presentations

A. None

3. Discussion / Action Items

A. Policy First Readings

I recommend moving the following policies to a second reading:

1. EEA - Student Transportation Policy
2. EEA-R - Transportation Policy and Responsibilities
3. EEAG - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

Ms. Scofield added that the private vehicle policy - EEAG - is not a new policy but needed to be updated. This defines when it is okay for a student to be driven by an administrator or staff member with approval by the Superintendent.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer and Ms. D'Angelo asked clarifying questions which were answered by Ms. Goodman.

Motion: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - Yes; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

B. Policy Second Reading/Adoption

I recommend adoption of the following policy:

1. ECAF - Security Cameras in Schools (New)

Ms. D'Angelo asked a clarifying question about observations.

Ms. Stokes explained that it was requested by the union.

Dr. Ahern stated that it may make it clearer to add that.

Ms. D'Angelo wanted to add evaluative observations.

A motion was made to adopt the policy with the word "evaluative" in front of the word "observations".

Motion: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - Yes; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

C. School Committee Resolution: "Anti-Racism Resolution"

I recommend the School Committee adopt the School Committee Resolution "Anti-Racism Resolution" as discussed.

Dr. Bergen read the resolution in its entirety.

A discussion ensued. Topics included the town resolution, discussion at the summer workshop, creation of a task force similar to the Substance Abuse task force.

Dr. Bergen invited public comment.

Maxwell Morrangello asked about putting a placeholder for an upcoming meeting. Maxwell wanted to ensure there would be a vote on the language later for the anti-race dialogue.

Dr. Bergen stated that if we decide to have a task force, yes, we will have a member of the School Committee on the task force.

Justin Bates appreciated the School Committee listening and how they have been discussing a commitment to action on this subject. He spoke about worrying that another subject will get in the way and want accountability for the citizens of Franklin who care about this. He stated that they don't want this to get lost in the shuffle.

Motion: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - Yes; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

4. Discussion Only Items

A. Opening School Update

Dr. Ahern wanted to acknowledge that we are aware there is a lot of anxiety and fear regarding the opening of the schools. She spoke that it is a fluid situation and what is driving all the guidance is the health statistics and the phased reopening as it happens.

Dr. Ahern shared that there was initial guidance from the Department of Education. She spoke about some guidelines regarding special education. She said that the school department will be waiting to release the plan in early August and it will address health and safety and classroom instruction.

She stated that at the next School Committee meeting that there will be more concrete plans regarding the opening.

She spoke about the reopening task force will be working on the guidelines for all the students and staff and how they will look at operations of the schools as well and the survey and they are in the process of compiling that information and the future needs of our community members and how their families can be affected.

She stated that the communication will be more concrete in the future. She stated that we are looking at standard operating procedures for the main office and school office.

She did state that the offices are still closed to the public at this time.

Dr. Ahern also discussed that preparation is underway for PPE and funding is from the CARES Act for this.

Dr. Ahern spoke about the DESE requirement and how desks will fit in classrooms under the three feet distancing.

Dr. Ahern explained that they are looking at a hybrid model and remote model as well and also about how the cleaning process would work for all the schools.

Dr. Ahern addressed some of the questions asked by committee members.

She explained that they are planning spacing needs and if there are any community spaces that the schools may need but at this time, FPS will not be seeking any community space at this time.

Dr. Ahern explained that a question that keeps arising is that a lot of families homeschool their children, that there is a distinction between home school and remote schooling. She explained that homeschooling has a process that needs to be followed and families will need to apply for that. She also

explained that is a very independent approach and state guidance has ways to help families doing this. She spoke about remote learning and how that is done by Franklin Public Schools.

Dr. Ahern stated they will have an initial plan July 31.

Dr. Bergen asked about if things get worse, will we shift back to remote learning?

Dr. Ahern stated that we will need to prepare for that.

Dr. Bergen asked about registering new students?

Dr. Ahern stated that it is online.

Ms. Stokes asked about the task force of 60 people, are there counselors part of this task force and are they from different grades?

Dr. Ahern stated they have teachers and counselors from different grades and not all have been represented.

Ms. Stokes also asked about if there is a role for School Committee members?

Dr. Ahern said that School Committee members would be welcome.

Dr. Bergen said that if someone wanted to be on this task force to let her know.

B. BICO Quarterly Report

Dr. Ahern shared the annual report on the collaboratives.

5. Information Matters

a. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports (e.g. Budget; Community Relations; Policy; Transportation; Public Schools Advocacy)

b. School Committee Liaison Reports (e.g. Joint PCC; Substance Abuse Task Force; School Wellness Advisory Council [SWAC]; , MASC)

BUDGET Dr. Bergen, Mr. Keenan and Ms. D'Angelo - No meeting has been set.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Dr. Bergen - Met on July 6 and sent out a newsletter last week. We will be attending the Farmer's Market. MASC is quiet.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Dr. Bergen - No report

POLICY Mrs. Scofield, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes- Met on July 8 and no date set for the next meeting

JOINT PCC - Ms. Pond-Pfeffer - The meetings are done for the year.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Dr. Bergen, Ms. D'Angelo, Mr. Giguere - Done for the year

SCHOOL WELLNESS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes - Done for the year

AD HOC DAVIS THAYER FACILITY Ms. Stokes, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Ms. Scofield- We will be finalizing the questionnaire going forward. The report is still in process.

TRANSPORTATION - Mr. Keenan, Dr. Bergen, Ms. Scofield - no report

AD HOC SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Bergen - We will be meeting this week

6. New Business

A. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern stated that there will be more about the reopening of schools, more information about the budget and a second read for some of the policies.

She stated that the annual report is due in August and has been extended until September.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from your June 23, 2020 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

B. FHS Scholarship

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000.00 from the Franklin Country Club for a FHS scholarship as detailed.

C. JFK Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$805.00 from the JFK PCC for supplemental supplies as detailed.

Motion for all : Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - Yes; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

8. Payment of Bills Dr. Bergen noted that the bills were correct

9. Payroll Ms. D'Angelo noted that the payroll was correct

10. Executive Session

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote to end school committee meeting and go to Executive Session

: Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - Yes; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

A. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the FEA/RN, FEA/Cafeteria, FEA/ESP, FEA/Secretaries, FEA/Van Drivers as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

B. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Non-Union Personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

11. Adjournment at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

SCAgenda 7-14-20.pdf

Discussion Action A - Policy 1st Read.pdf

Discussion Action B - Policy 2nd Read-Adoption.pdf

Discussion Action C - Resolution.pdf

BICO Quarterly Information for Superintendents.6.2020.pdf

Consent Action A - Minutes.pdf

Consent Action B - FHS Scholarship.pdf

Consent Action C - JFK Gift.pdf

Payroll Warrant #2026 Final.pdf

Payroll Warrant #2026 Summary.pdf

Payroll Warrant #2026B Final.pdf

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Payroll Warrant #2101 Summary.pdf

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SC Warrant 063020#1.xlsx

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