

Franklin School Committee
July 19, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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Ms. Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

In attendance: Ms. Camille Bernstein; Mr. David Callaghan; Mr. Al Charles; Mr. David McNeill;
Ms. Elise Stokes; Ms. Meghan Whitmore; Ms. Denise Spencer.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Lucas Giguere; Dr. Tina Rogers; Mrs. Paula Marano; Mrs. Miriam Goodman.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 were none

E. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Giguere spoke about the summer transition into his new role. He is excited for this new role and to lead Franklin. He thanked those who have assisted with the transition.

He said in July he joined 22 other school Superintendent's at an induction program facilitated by the MASS in collaboration with the Department of Education.

Mr. Giguere said that on 6/23/22 the FPS administration team met for an administrative pretreat for reflection of the 2021/2022 academic year.

He said they reviewed the central office organizational structure and previewed a draft of strategic goals. He said that the Novak Consulting Group has been brought in with a focus on the universal design for learning and the multi-tiered systems of support.

He said on July 12th-14th, he attended the 2022 Paul Andrews Executive Conference in Mashpee. He said Mrs. Marano and Dr. Rogers also attended. He gave an update for the Unified Basketball team. He said they have had some recent opportunities and invites from the Franklin Town Council, a citation from the statehouse and a tour, the MIAA Board of Directors in August, and the New England Patriots training camp. He thanked the coaches for their continued dedication.

Mr. Giguere spoke about recent hires and he is excited about the educators coming on board.

He said they are in the final stages of hiring for the K-12 Director positions. He said that 25 positions remain open and are in various stages.

Mr. Giguere shared some important upcoming dates:

- August 9th and 10th - high school experience for incoming 9th graders
- August 23rd-25th - New teacher orientation
- Aug 29th - first day for staff

- Aug 30th - first day for students
- Sept 2nd - Labor Day PD day

Ms. Spencer welcomed Dr. Tina Rogers as Assistant Superintendent and said she is excited to have her there.

Ms. Spencer asked for any questions or comments from the committee?

Mr. Callaghan asked for some elaboration on the organizational structure of the administration.

Mr. Giguere spoke about the MTTS framework and both the social/emotional and academic sides.

Mr. Charles asked if the first day of Kindergarten has been determined?

Mrs. Marano replied that it's 8/31/22 with a shortened orientation on 8/30/22. She added that notifications will be going out soon.

Mr. McNeill, Ms. Stokes and Ms. Whitmore all said welcome to your new roles and congratulations.

II. Guests/Presentations

A. Franklin Education Foundation Update - Mrs. Carlucci & Mrs. Trahan

**See presentation slides for more detailed information.*

Mr. Giguere said this group does tremendous work and Franklin is lucky to have this program.

Mrs. Carlucci said they both have been with FEF since the first days. She said it was founded in 1997, and that the program is in its 25th year. She explained how the program came to be and their relationship under the Franklin School Committee.

Mrs. Trahan spoke about the spelling bee fundraisers, trivia bees, casino nights, and Wizard basketball games. They held events up until the pandemic.

Mrs. Carlucci spoke about their plan moving forward. She talked about May 4th being the Day of Giving which is also Horace Mann's birthday. She said this kicks off the Month of Giving.

Mrs. Trahan said they are focusing on alumni donations and have received some unsolicited donations. She said they are trying to develop their social media presence and other means of communication.

She added that Dave McNeill and Denise Spencer are also on the FEF Board. Dr. Tina Rogers said they appreciate the partnership and the work the FEF does for the district. She shared how the funds have been distributed across the district:

- ECDC - universally designed instructional spaces including mobile mats which provide easy access to outside.
- Lower and middle school - funds geared towards the student's social and emotional needs and making students feel connected and promoting well being.
- High school - greenhouse project to enhance science courses. Includes hydroponic systems to grow a diverse range of produce.

Ms. Spencer asked for any questions or comments from the committee?

Ms. Bernstein said thank you for having a program like this and suggested a certificate be given to a teacher when a donation is made in their name.

Ms. Trahan said there is a donation button online through PayPal. She also said a certificate is a great idea.

Mr. Callaghan asked how they can help the FEF as a school committee?

Mrs. Carlucci replied just to promote the FEF. She said they try to make an alumni connection. She said they also try to be respectful of the work the PCC does for their schools.

Ms. Spencer said that Mr. McNeill also issues a reminder about the Month of Giving at a school committee meeting leading up to May. She reiterated the need for the FEF to respect the PCC's.

Mr. Charles said the website is franklined.org. He also asked about any of the events happening going forward?

Mrs. Carlucci replied that health and safety are kept in mind so they have not been happening and it takes a large team of people.

Mr. McNeill said it's wonderful what they have contributed. He said the group is also on Facebook and Twitter.

Ms. Stokes said she is so glad they are here. She said they needed to reimagine due to Covid. She asked if there is a total amount available of what has been raised?

Ms. Carlucci said about \$425,000. Mrs. Goodman replied about 20,000 a year. Ms. Whitmore said it's a great program and outstanding they have been doing it for 25 years.

Ms. Spencer said their work is appreciated.

III. Discussion/Action Items - None

IV. Discussion Only Items - None

V. Information Matters

A. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports

- 1. Superintendent Evaluation - N/A**
- 2. Budget - N/A**
- 3. Policy - Next meeting 8/8/22 at 6pm**
- 4. Community Relations - N/A**
- 5. Space, Needs, and Facilities Assessment - N/A**

B. School Committee Liaison Reports

- 1. Joint PCC - N/A**
- 2. School Wellness Advisory Council - N/A**
- 3. SEPAC - Will be having a family meetup at Dacey Field on 7/23/22 at 10am.**
- 4. Substance Abuse Task Force - N/A**
- 5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - N/A**

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

(i) I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 14, 2022 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Abstains**

Motion Carries 6-0; 1 abstention

(ii) I recommend approval of the executive session minutes from the June 14, 2022 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Abstains**

Motion Carries 6-0; 1 abstention

(iii) I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 27, 2022 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes**

Motion Carries 7-0

(iv) I recommend approval of the executive session minutes from the June 27, 2022 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Abstains; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes**

Motion Carries 6-0; 1 abstention

B. Declare Surplus

I recommend approval to declare the list of Jefferson Elementary School books as surplus as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes**

Motion Carries 7-0

C. Jefferson Gifts

I recommend acceptance of 2 checks totaling \$2,217.14 as follows:

Jefferson PCC - Field Trips \$1,813.14

Jefferson 5th Grade Celebration Committee - Supplemental Supplies \$404

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes**

Motion Carries 7-0

D. Music Gifts

I recommend acceptance for two checks totaling \$3,239.48 as follows:

\$ 846.48	Students	Field Trip
\$2,393.00	Gate MS Spring Concerts	In-house enrichment

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes**

Motion Carries 7-0

E. Scholarship

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,015.00 from the Class of 1972 for a scholarship as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

**Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes;
Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes**

Motion Carries 7-0

VII. Citizen's Comments - Ms. Spencer said congratulations on Mrs. Marano's new role.

VIII. New Business

To discuss any future agenda items:

Mr. Giguere shared the anticipated items for the 8/9/22 meeting:

- Hiring update
- Admin retreat progress and summer report
- Annual report information
- Presentation schedule

IX. Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

X. Adjournment at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Tocci, Secretary

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