

Franklin School Committee
Minutes
July 23, 2019
Municipal Building – Council Chambers

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Chris Sterns of Franklin TV was present
No one present from the Milford Daily News

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Dr. Bergen

Attendance: Mrs. Dianne Feeley; Mrs. Mary Jane Scofield; Dr. Anne Bergen; Mrs. Denise Schultz; Mrs. Gigi Zub; Mr. Lucas Giguere; Dr. Sara Ahern; Mrs. Miriam Goodman; Dr. Joyce Edwards. Dr. Monica Linden; Mrs. Cindy Douglas both were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

1. Routine Business

a. Review of Agenda - All is fine.

b. Citizen's Comments - none

i. In the spirit of open communication, “the School Committee will hear public comment 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” – from Policy BEDH

c. FHS Student Representative Comments - none were present

d. Superintendent Report

Dr. Ahern - I would like to share with the committee and community. We attended the Mass Superintendent Institute. We had keynotes from Jeff Reilly. Dr. Tyrone Brown did a talk on equity and to enact change in schools from good to great. In terms of one of the best keynote speakers for me, was Dr. Brown. He was motivating and gave us goosebumps and cheers. He described his story of growing up in poverty and also in gifted education. He spoke about how educator's helped him and raise him up. It was really emotional and hard to convey the feelings in that room. It was uplifting for myself. Commissioner Rielly spoke "our way forward" and improvement plan for the state. I will link it.

He spoke about four things:

- Deeper learning for all
- Holistic support and enrichment
- Focusing on evidence based practices
- Vision as the State as a partner

Two things on a budget front, I wanted to share we received a grant for local equipment and technology thanks to Lucas and Mike from facilities. We received \$60,000. We had been seeking funds from the town for security for all the schools and this won't cover all of the upgrades but supports the plan. Lastly, the State budget is that we have good news that there will be investments in education and healthcare. We will be advocating to the Governor's office to help assist the schools and Town of Franklin. We anticipate funds for chapter 70 and the big impact would be to reimburse for the Charter tuition that is being assessed. There is a new schedule for this. There are earmarks for substance abuse and vaping detection and prevention. We are hopeful that this will be favorable for Franklin Public Schools. We hope to have final figures in the next week or so.

2. Guests / Presentations - none

- a. None

3. Discussion / Action Items

- a. Superintendent's Evaluation

Dr. Bergen - I want to thank Dr. Ahern for putting together all the time the goals for herself. She did a great job. Thank you Mrs. Feeley and Dr. Linden for getting all this together. I want to present this document and I will not read this verbatim. This will be a summary of what we arrived at and we will have accommodations going forward.

The summative evaluation and the rating for exemplary is about 1% for all Superintendents and we went with a rating of outstanding proficiency in most of the categories. Franklin is clearly taking a lead in SEL and improving this throughout the schools. Dr. Ahern understands on how to take care of the staff. She has created the vision of the portrait of the graduate. She goes to schools and visits them. She has been transparent and works with the Town.

Dr. Bergen read the report as documented.

We are delighted with Dr. Ahern's performance. Are there anyone who would like clarification or any questions?

Ms. Scofield - No questions, just a comment about your visibility in the community and you are very approachable. You always follow up the parents and you go to many school events. Thank you. We are truly fortunate to have you as our Superintendent.

Mrs. Zub - I want to echo that and I don't know how you are able to do that and you too have a family. You are very passionate and engaged. We are very lucky to have you.

Dr. Ahern - I greatly appreciate that. It is a big job and there is so much to do and I have an amazing team that helps me do this job. The group sitting here with me tonight plays a huge role as well as Central office.

Mrs. Schultz - Thank you Sara and team. Thank you to everyone who put this together.

I recommend your approval of the Superintendent's composite evaluation for the 2018-2019 school year as discussed

Motion for all: Mrs. Schultz
Approve: 5

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 0

b. Policy First Readings

I recommend moving the following policies to a second reading as discussed: BEC – Executive Sessions BEDG – Minutes JKAA – Physical Restraint of Students

Motion for all: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 5

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 0

4. Discussion Only Items

a. None

5. Information Matters

a. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports (e.g. Budget; Community Relations; Policy; Transportation; Public Schools Advocacy; Ad Hoc Superintendent's Evaluation)

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

BUDGET Dr Bergen - Our next meeting is July 24 and we will look at the budget as it stands.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS Mrs. Zub - We will be at the Farmer's Market on July 26 from 12 to 3. We will be scheduling another meeting soon.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Mrs. Schultz - Once the budget settles we will reconvene.

AD HOC Dr. Bergen - We will vote to disband.

POLICY Mrs. Scofield - Our next meeting is August 20 at 7:30. We are continually working on policies.

JOINT PCC - Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Douglas - Will resume in the fall.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Mrs. Douglas - Nothing to report

SCHOOL START TIMES Dr. Linden - Nothing to report.

6. New Business

a. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern - We have a workshop and update to the budget. We have school handbooks coming to you on August 13. Those handbooks are available online and will note changes very clearly. We have done updates of summer time and we will report on that.

Ms. Scofield - Are the handbooks posted now?

Dr. Ahern - The 18 -19 handbooks are posted, the revised ones will come on August 13.

Mrs Schultz - Will we get them beforehand? Or do we need to wait.

Mr. Giguere - Any changes will be highlighted in blue and remain in blue and you will be able to see it. We will have a summary sheet and the changes that were made. You will be able to track the changes.

Mrs. Schultz - When will they be available?

Mr. Giguere - The week before. We are on pace and we will make them available before that.

Ms. Scofield - If you have them now, send them along.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2019 School Committee meeting as detailed.

b. Executive Session Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2019 Executive Session of the School Committee meeting as detailed to be released.

c. ECDC Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$920.00 from Bridgewater State University for in-house enrichment at ECDC as detailed.

d. Jefferson Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$348.00 from the Jefferson PCC for supplemental supplies at Jefferson Elementary School as detailed.

e. FHS Gifts

I recommend acceptance of three checks totaling \$727.65 as follows:

Alliance Energy, LLC	\$500.00	supplemental curriculum materials
Scholastic, Inc.	\$199.65	in-house enrichment
Coca Cola Give	\$ 28.00	in-house enrichment

f. JFK Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,401.20 from the JF Kennedy PCC for supplemental supplies as detailed.

g. Oak Street Gift

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$4,229.54 from the Oak Street PCC as follows:

\$1835.00 Library books

\$2394.54 Supplemental Curriculum Materials

Motion for all: Mrs. Schultz
Approve: 5

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 0

8. Payment of Bills Dr. Bergen - correct

9. Payroll Mrs. Douglas - correct

10. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence a. Budget to Actual – Miriam Goodman
- b. Student Activity Accounts Report – Miriam Goodman

11. Executive Session a. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

**Roll call vote: Dr. Bergen-yes; Ms. Scofield-yes; Ms. Schultz-yes;
Mrs. Zub-yes; Mrs. Feeley - yes**

12. Adjournment at 7:45 pm

Ms. Scofield made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Schultz. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

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CURRENT - BEC - Executive Session.pdf

CURRENT - BEDG -Minutes.pdf

CURRENT JKAA - Physical Restraint of Students.pdf

Discussion ActionA - Supt Eval.pdf
Discussion ActionB - Policy.pdf
Consent ActionA - Minutes.pdf
Consent ActionB - EX Minutes.pdf
Consent ActionC - ECDC Gift.pdf
Consent ActionD - Jefferson Gift.pdf
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