

**Franklin School Committee  
Minutes  
July 28, 2020**

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find and achieve satisfaction in life as productive global citizens.

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## **AGENDA**

“The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.”

**Call to order:** 7:04 pm

Dr. Bergen

**Also present were: Dr. Sara Ahern; Mrs. Miriam Goodman; Dr. Joyce Edwards. Mr. Lucas Giguere.**

**Franklin High School Representatives: 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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence**

**1. Routine Business**

**a. Review of Agenda - Correct**

**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 two items regarding grants that FPS received and the first one is the Baker/Polito Grant, which is for food insecurity and also for insulated food carriers to help deliver food. The other one is the Department of Education grant, it is a summer and vacation learning grant.

**2. Guests/Presentations**

## **A. Franklin Public Schools Preliminary Reopening Plan 2020-2021**

Dr. Ahern shared a presentation regarding the opening of schools in Franklin. This plan included all three scenarios with in depth information regarding each as well as the goals and frameworks that were used.

Dr. Ahern spoke about the next steps and the processes that will need to take place and the plans will be submitted in August.

Mr. Keenan inquired about teachers and union, what are the specifics that the staff may need for remote or hybrid?

Dr. Edwards replied that it will be more planned for these types of learning platforms than previously because it was done as an emergency in the spring.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer asked about high need students and high performance students.

Dr. Ahern explained high need students may need more support.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer asked about technology.

Ms. Scofield inquired about the length of time the models will be.

Dr. Ahern stated that they will need to consider the health metrics as the year progresses.

Ms. Spencer asked for a more in depth explanation about hybrid learning. She also asked about families requesting being fully remote and could they change that status during the year.

Ms. Stokes stated that there is so much information to process and it is a monumental task. She suggested that the committee should try participating in a day at school and what it might look like.

Dr. Bergen inquired about if there may be a screening protocol and what would happen if there was exposure.

Ms. Grady, President FEA, emphasized that they do a walk through as what a day would look like for these students and staff.

Raymond Fioravanti expressed his gratitude. He emphasized that the kids are entitled to an education and spoke about the pandemic.

Ms. Grady spoke briefly about not wanting to risk a child's life.

Kathy Goodwin shared how in the spring we were able to teach and what we accomplished.

Galy Melko shared her concerns.

Leah Wahrftig-Jeri is a spanish teacher and she needs the students to see her lips to teach.

Michael Doherty spoke about the low infection rates that we have but if you introduce others from outside that could increase infection rates.

Chris Evans shared his concerns.

Rocco Lucarelli shared his concerns.

Laura Kirshkaln shared her concerns.

### **3. Discussion / Action Items**

#### **A. School Calendar 2020-2021**

This will be presented at a later meeting when there is a model for learning.

#### **B. Policy - 1st Reading**

I recommend moving Policy FA - Facilities Development Goals to a second reading as discussed.

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

C. Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption

I recommend adoption of the following policies as discussed:

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

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

#### **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)

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 - Meeting this Thursday

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS** - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Dr. Bergen - No updates to report.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY** Dr. Bergen - No report

**POLICY** Mrs. Scofield, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes- No meeting scheduled.

**JOINT PCC** - Ms. Pond-Pfeffer - 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 are committed to completing the closing study but will pause our process to focus on school reopening, we will resume in the fall.

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

**AD HOC SUPERINTENDENT** - Dr. Bergen - Met on July 15.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. To discuss any future agenda items**

Dr. Ahern shared that there will be a discussion about reopening and the new school calendar.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

I recommend approval of the minutes from the July 14, 2020 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

B. FHS Scholarships

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$10,633.22 for FHS scholarships as follows:

\$10,000.00 from Stella Wilk's estate

\$633.22 from Ahold Delhaize USA

Motion for all : Ms. Pond-Pfeffer

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

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 to executive session:

First: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote to go to Executive Session from which the committee would return to Open 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.

**11. Return to open session at 9:49 pm**

Motion for the memorandum of understanding to be accepted:

First: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer

Second: Ms. Spencer

Approve: 7

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

Motion to adjourn:

First: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Spencer

Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote to go to Adjourn: 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

## **12. Adjournment at 9:51 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

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Reopening School Presentation for SC 7\_28\_2020.pdf

Discussion Action A - 2020-21 Revised School Calendar.pdf

Discussion Action B - Policy 1st Reading.pdf

Discussion Action C - Policy 2nd Reading-Adoption.pdf

Consent Action A - Minutes.pdf

Consent Action B - FHS Scholarships.pdf

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SC Warrant 071620.xlsx

FPS Summary and Sign Off 072820.pdf

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