

Franklin School Committee
Minutes
June 12, 2018
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. Cindy Douglas; Mrs. Mary Jane Scofield; Dr. Anne Bergen; Dr. Monica Linden; Mrs. Denise Schultz; Ms. Virginia Zub; Mr. Peter Light; Dr. Sara Ahern; Mrs. Miriam Goodman. Not present; Dr. Joyce Edwards. The two high school representatives were not present, Claudia Moccia and Blaine Roche.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Jack O’Conner, Grade 5 J. F. Kennedy Elementary School

Mrs. Lacerda is Jack’s fifth grade teacher. Jack is kind, considerate and respectful. He is a model student who works very hard and consistently sets an example for his peers. He has been a pleasure to have in class this year. Additional information about Jack: Plays lacrosse and hockey His favorite food is steak, medium well with ketchup... NO steak sauce Lives at home with mom, dad, older sister, Sarah, who is in 8th grade and a dog name Zoey Greatest memory from 5th grade was walking in on the first day of school. The first day is always busy and noisy but this day was unusually calm and quiet. I will never forget that day. Excited about middle school and moving around from class to class

Moment of Silence

1. Routine Business

a. Review of Agenda - no changes

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 - Students have graduated

d. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ahern – I have a few things to share. I want to commend the FHS on the remarkable celebration for the class of 2018. I was so proud to be a part of it. It was moving, dignified and the pace was great. I want to thank everyone and all of those behind the scenes who help make this possible.

The senior week was very successful. The senior award night was wonderful and a lot of scholarships were given out.

We have a couple of students who were recognize from ASMS. They submitted two writing samples regarding truth and reconciliation. Only 4 from Massachusetts were chosen.

The 351 Project ambassador, Brenden sent me a note about the clothing drive. They helped 31,000 people with the project.

This is the last meeting of the year. I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy safe summer break.

2. Guests/Presentations

- a. Recognition Dr. Ahern** - We would like to recognize Mr. Peter Light. This is his last School Committee meeting. He has been with us for 21 years.

He was a high school principal. He was band director and music teacher. I am lucky to work with him. He is invaluable. We will all miss his leadership as he takes on a new role as Superintendent.

Mr. Light – Thank you to all the School Committee members both present and past. I have spent all of my adult life in Franklin and it is just great to work alongside everyone who are dedicated to the kids in Franklin. This community has fantastic kids and it was a great way to spend this part of my career. I will have fond memories and it has been a great experience to work with Sara and all of you. Thank you.

b. Community Group Updates

i. **SEPAC** Ms. Mulcahey - We added some programs this year. I will give a brief presentation regarding SEPAC. We are the PCC for the town for families with disabilities. We try to help them throughout the year. We give guidance to the families and offer advice. I have a son in the REACH program and I wanted to give back. We have a wonderful staff run by Debbie Dixson. We have monthly workshops for families, school staff and anyone who would like to attend. We have a scholarship for FHS students. There are surrounding towns that have SEPACs and we share with them. We try to hold social events for special need parents. We have a sunshine fund to support families in need and donations to support local Special Needs initiatives. We do host a parent support group to help, to vent, to celebrate and to talk with others.

Ms. Hiscoe – Thank you so much for having us. We wanted to give you a story about an out-of-district placement. We adopted Alison from Russia and we had her evaluated. She had a lot of delays in her development. She has sensory processing disorder. She is on the border of autism. She did go to preschool and we found the right town and it was Franklin due to their great special education program. She attended ECDC, transitioned to Oak Street and was

outplaced to another school that could help her. We looked out-of-district for another school for her. We found a great place for her in Lexington and she is doing wonderful and life changing work. There are only 33 children in the school. Her classroom is small and they do their work in the class and all teachers come to her. She doesn't have to transition. She started reading and she loves it. She has started talking to us about her feelings.

Dr. Bergen – Thank you so much for doing this and sharing your story.

ii. FEF - Kit and Lisa Brady who support our schools and teachers.

Mr. Brady – Thank you. We would like to come and tell you about what we do, what we have done, so when we come beg you for sweat equity and money you will be happy to help. I am the grant chair and I wanted to tell you what we are doing. We fund projects in Franklin Public Schools that can't be funded by the Town. We started in 1997. We have funded over 150 grants. We have done it through fundraisers, Harlem Wizards and the Trivia Bee. We are a 501c3.

Please write us a grant and we will fund it. We have funded grants for every grade from ECDC through the high school. We like projects that think outside the box or any type of programs that enhance education.

How do teachers get money? They write grants. The application is easy. We put the RFP out now and due in October. They have all summer to work on the grant. We have a committee to do a blind review of the grants, we meet in December and we vote on the next meeting and the funds are awarded in January. We will fund a project up to three years with a progress report each year.

We do fundraisers to get the money. The Harlem Wizards is our biggest fundraiser for the past few years. We did not do the Trivia Bee this year and have taken a year off. We had two small events, a wine

night and paint night. We also have support from local businesses. Middlesex Savings Bank donated \$50,000 to the FEF. It was a great surprise. Are there any questions?

Dr. Bergen - Thank you. Seeing the impact the grants have are wonderful and it is so important for the teachers and schools.

iii. Athletics Recap - Tom Angelo, FHS Athletic Director – I am honored to represent this department. I work closely with Sue Jacobson and Jen. It is a joy to work with them every day. I will give a recap of the year, sports by season and awards.

We have 30 varsity teams, 56 teams including freshman and JV. It is the largest in the Hockomock league. Our expenses are \$800,000, the gate income is \$34,000, and user fees are \$389,000. The expenses cover coaches, officials, event workers, ticket takers, game administrations, police details, uniforms and transportation. We also have to rent ice for hockey and we rent facilities for gymnastics and pool. We also have dues to pay and software for the department. If we win, we have banners, awards, jackets etc. We are a large-scale department.

We have 88 coaches and 12 volunteers and they have to have CPR and CORIs done. All coaches are on a one-year contract. They are all MIAA certified.

Our league is the Hockomock. We have been successful in this league. We have had a great year. Most of our teams have made playoffs.

We received the 2017-2018 Sportsmanship Award. It means we represent sportsmanship.

We hosted a lot of events at Franklin High School, the cheerleading, the dual meet wrestling, the unified basketball jamboree, the unified track and field and the MSTCA freshman/sophomore regional meet.

All of the varsity teams do community service. The unified sports are one of the models in Massachusetts. We have both track and basketball. The MIAA asked us to present at their annual conference this year.

We also got a sportsmanship award for the unified sports from the MIAA. I have a few shout outs. Our DPW is incredible. And also Ryan Jette from the Town Recreation Department.

Dr. Bergen – We all want to thank you.

Dr. Ahern – I would like to add that this is co-curricular because of the function sports add to the students at Franklin High School.

3. Discussion / Action Items

a. Collaborative Board Appointments

i. ACCEPT Collaborative - I recommend the appointment of Dr. Sara Ahern to the ACCEPT Collaborative Board for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

ii. BICO Collaborative - I recommend the appointment of Dr. Sara Ahern to the BICO Board for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

b. Appoint of Assistant Superintendent of Schools

I recommend Dr. Ahern's selected candidate to be appointed as Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Ahern – Mr. Giguere, I would like to recommend him for Assistant Superintendent. We had a committee that selected three finalists. We conducted full-day site visits. We checked references and work samples from each of the candidates. Mr. Giguere had great rapport with students, great work ethic and he is leading initiatives like forging community partnerships.

Mr. Giguere – Thank you. I am thrilled to be returning to Franklin. I am happy to be here. Peter you nailed it with a great community and great Town. I am excited to begin transition and have big shoes to fill. Peter was here when I moved onto Bellingham and I am here now to fill this position. I am impressed to work with Dr. Ahern and help her with her vision and work with her.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

c. Attendance Area – The Westerly

I recommend that students residing at Woodview Way, at the Westerly Apartments be assigned to the Jefferson/Remington district within Franklin starting in 2018-2019.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

d. Policy – First Readings

I recommend moving the following policies to a second reading as discussed:

- o JQA – Financial Assistance Policy
- o JQA-R – Financial Assistance Application & Procedures

- o EFD – Meal Charge Policy
- o EFD-R – Meal Charge Policy & Procedures
- o JFAA-R – School Admission/Residency

Motion: Mrs. Douglas

Second: Mrs. Schultz

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

e. MASC Summer Institute

I recommend the approval of Denise Schultz’s attendance at the MASC Summer Institute in July, 2018.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas

Second: Mrs. Schultz

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

f. Travel Expense Approval

I recommend that the Committee approve my acceptance of paid travel expenses for the purpose of attending the Study Tour and Educational Leadership Symposium in Helsinki, Finland and Berlin, Germany July 8 to July 16, 2018.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas

Second: Mrs. Schultz

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

4. Discussion Only Items

- a. SWAC (School Wellness Advisory Committee)

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]; MASC)

BUDGET Dr Bergen - Our next meeting is June 18.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS Mrs. Zub - Next coffee is June 13 at the Franklin Public Library and this will be the last meeting of the year.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Mrs. Schultz - We will continue to work with the State on this.

AD HOC Dr. Bergen -No meeting scheduled.

POLICY Mrs. Scofield - The next meeting is June 14.

JOINT PCC - Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Douglas - We met with them and discussed equity across the schools It looks consistent across the schools. We will schedule meetings in the Fall.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE Mr. Light - We will have new meetings in the Fall.

SWAC Mrs. Douglas - We are going to miss our leader, we had our last one. Next week we will have some updates for the Fall.

SCHOOL START TIMES Dr. Linden - We met last Thursday, June 7 and many of the subcommittees met. We looked at scientific research regarding sleep. We learned that biological changes in teen's makes it harder for them to fall asleep and therefore, they can't get up early. This is just a starting point. There will be no changes in the next school year. We focused a lot on communication this year and will continue to work on that next year.

6. New Business

a. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern - We will have a personnel report. I wanted to have a discussion on the annual report and the information is due to the Town in the summer.

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7. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from your May 22, 2018 School Committee meeting.

b. FHS Scholarships

I recommend acceptance of 6 checks totaling \$2,715.00 for FHS Scholarships as follows:

- ASMS PCC \$500.00
- ASMS Alumni Scholarship
- Carol Merchant \$115.00 Circle of Friends/Best Buddies Scholarship
- Attleboro Arts Museum \$100.00 Sponsor Title Award/Scholarship
- Franklin Food Pantry \$500.00 Empty Bowls Club (2 - \$250.00 Scholarships)
- Friends of the Franklin Library \$1,000.00 FHS Scholarship
- John & Elizabeth Ombelets \$500.00 Mock Trial Scholarship

c. Davis Thayer Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$744.18 from the DT PCC for Supplemental Supplies as detailed.

d. FHS Gifts

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$2,406.33 at FHS as detailed:

- Ahold \$ 413.33 for supplemental supplies
- Class of 1968 \$1,993.00 for in-house enrichment

e. Parmenter Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$50.00 from a Parmenter parent for supplemental supplies at Parmenter as detailed.

f. Keller Gifts

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$520.04 for Keller Elementary School as detailed:

- Keller PCC \$250.00 Field trips
- O'Connor Portraiture \$270.04 In-house enrichment

g. J.F. Kennedy Gifts

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$2,293.64 for JF Kennedy Elementary School as detailed:

- JFK PCC \$ 262.50 Field trips
- JFK PCC \$2,031.14 Supplies

Motion for all: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Zub
Oppose: 0

8. Payment of Bills Dr. Bergen - All bills are in order

9. Payroll Mrs. Douglas - Payroll is in order

10. Correspondence – Budget to Actual, Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator

11. Executive Session

a. Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel

A roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session

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

12. Adjournment at 9:00 pm

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

Adjourned by 9:00 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

SCAgenda 6-12-18.pdf
1. SEPAC Presentation.pdf
2. Brady FEF presentation for SC 6-12-18.pdf
2. Examples of Grants Awarded - 1998-2018.pdf
2. FEF 2017-18 Grant descriptions.pdf
3. 2018_Athletics Overview_for_SC.pdf
CURRENT-JFAA-R - School Admission-Residency.pdf
Discussion ActionAi-ACCEPT Board.pdf
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