

Franklin School Committee
March 22, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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Ms. Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She said that at the end of the meeting they would be adjourning to executive session and not returning to open meeting.

Roll Call Attendance were: Ms. Camille Bernstein-Yes; Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Mr. David McNeill; Ms. Denise Spencer-Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes-Yes(zoom); Ms. Meghan Whitmore-Yes

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

Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to move **C. FHS Student Representative Comments** to come before the **FY23 Budget Open Hearing**.

Motion: Mr. Callaghan; 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

Pledge of Allegiance
Franklin High School

ELIZABETH TANG Gr. 12
VAYSHNAV MALHOTRA Gr. 12
DREW MAHONEY Gr. 12
TIMOTHY O'KEEFE Gr. 12
NIPUN GOEL Gr. 12
MAXWELL VOELLMICKE Gr. 12
AADIT BHATIA Gr. 12
SAMEEN SHAIK Gr. 12
RACHAEL YUAN Gr. 12

Tonight we welcome leaders from the FHS DECA Team. DECA, is a 501 not-for-profit career student organization with more than 225,000 members in all 50 U.S. states and numerous countries abroad, including over 7,000 members in Massachusetts. The program allows students to gain real-world experience in the field of business through making connections with local companies and challenging students to step out of their comfort zone. Sample DECA events include roleplay events where students address a scenario in a timed situation and written papers where students create a plan to enhance an existing company or create a new one. Franklin High School revived its DECA chapter in 2015 and has since grown the organization's membership to 145 high school students. All students compete at the district level competition, and qualifying participants may compete at the state and international competitions. This year, the Franklin chapter had a record 87 members compete at the state annual state competition in Boston, and 24 qualified for the International Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, taking place in April. Congratulations to this talented team of students and advisors!

Moment of Silence

A. FHS Student Representative Comments

Ms. Shaw Downing said the Franklin Theatre Company is moving on to the regional competition with the production of Cave Dream and have won multiple awards.

Regionals will be held at FHS on 4/2/22.

She congratulated winter sports on a great season and noted that gymnastics won States and cheering won Nationals.

Ms. Shaw added that spring sports started on 3/21/22 and today was day 2 of tryouts. Freshman and Juniors must take concussion tests if they have not yet. She said the Jazz Band is advancing to the States finals this Saturday in Norwood. She added that Mock Trials are holding a live scrimmage this Thursday at 6:30pm in the FHS library.

Mr. Ravin Chaudhry said that Junior prom tickets went on sale. It will be on May 6th and held at Lombardo's with an Ancient Greece theme. There will be a FAQ document available soon. He added that MCAS testing is this week for underclassmen and many juniors have been taking the SAT's. He added that they will have more to share in the coming weeks.

Ms. Spencer said it's great to hear about the prom.

FY23 Budget Open Hearing

** See Presentation slides for detailed information and minutes from the March 8, 2022 School Committee meeting.*

Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to open the FY23 Budget Open Hearing.

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; 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

- Dr. Ahern noted that the budget is anchored by the Portrait of a Graduate and pandemic recovery.
- She noted that Franklin rapidly grew about 20 years ago and is recently seeing a decline in student population. She said many communities are experiencing a decline. She said they have leveled off at the elementary level and will see decreases at the middle and high school level in the coming years.
- She noted important dates during the budget process.

Mrs. Goodman spoke about Chapter 70 funding. She noted that for FY23, the preliminary amount per student is projected to be \$12,058. She said right now Franklin is at 71% for required contribution. This amount caps at 82.5% around 2028.

Dr. Ahern noted the decrease in student population as of 10/1/21. There is a decrease of 112 students (percent change: **2.12%**). This number also includes Charter, Tri County, and Norfolk Agricultural.

Dr. Ahern said that 75% of districts in Massachusetts spend more, per pupil, than Franklin.

For the budget assumptions, Mrs. Goodman noted:

- They are still waiting for allocation from the town.
- They are waiting for the final number and options for the health insurance rate.

Mrs. Goodman noted that the FY23 Superintendents recommended budget is \$70,216,996, an increase of 3.53% from FY22.

Dr. Ahern spoke about the focus on specialized areas at the lower level, middle level, high school, and across the district. She broke out the positions by amount and school. She noted that capital items were approved by the town council. She said the FY23 Investment Initiatives total is \$1,211,432.

She noted the FY23 School Committee priorities that were requested but not included. She spoke about the request for more information on a World Language program:

- K-5, one day a week with 4 FTE across 5 buildings, including additional stipends, curriculum and materials. An estimation of \$350,000-\$360,000.
- She noted as part of the elimination of the program that it was noted that one day a week is not sufficient time. Therefore, she added: K-5, two days a week, 7 staff members, additional stipends, curriculum and materials. An estimation of \$600,000-\$700,000.
- She suggests a phased approach as it would be difficult to recruit so many teachers at once.

She said they are keeping an eye on enrollment and there is a placeholder for FY23 Budget Reductions of (\$575,000). There is an anticipation of absorbing staffing reductions through retirements and resignations.

Mrs. Goodman gave a summary of the Coronavirus Relief Funding through CvRF, ESSER I, ESSER II, ESSER III and ARP. Dr. Ahern noted districts had to submit a plan for how they will be using ESSER III funds which extends to 2024.

Dr. Ahern spoke about variables related to FY23 Superintendent's recommended budget and said they will find out what the towns actual appropriation is in the next few weeks. She spoke about recommended next steps and upcoming key dates.

Ms. Spencer read a statement regarding the budget.

Ms. Spencer went through the line items by function code in the budget and asked the committee members for any holds.

1110 - School Committee. Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

Ms. Stokes asked why a consultant would be needed for a Superintendent search in FY23?

Mrs. Goodman replied that it is an estimate for a consultant for the Superintendent search. Depending on the direction the school committee takes, it is a placeholder for now.

1210 Superintendent's Office. Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

Ms. Stokes asked for the reduction of \$20,000?

Dr. Ahern replied that it reflects that the equity audit will be concluded by the end of this year. There is money if they choose to use it for other consultants.

1430 Legal Services - School Committee. Mr. Charles asked for a hold.

Mr. Charles asked what the actual spend typically is?

Mrs. Goodman replied that the spend was \$73,000 in FY19, \$61,000 in FY20, and \$56,000 in FY21. She said the amount is an estimate based on what is happening in the year, like a negotiation year for example. She added this is an area that can be reduced if need be.

Mr. Charles asked what else contributes to the legal services budget?

Dr. Ahern replied that the legal services are comprehensive with different attorneys handling different areas like employee personnel matters and student services as well as Policy and contracts.

1450-District-wide Information Data Processing. Mr. McNeill/Ms. Whitmore asked for a hold.

Ms. Whitmore asked if this is internal or contracted out?

Mrs. Goodman replied that this line item is for the maintenance cost for the 10 Gig firewall upgrade last year. The warranty is coming to an end and this is the cost for the warranty.

Mr. McNeill said his question was answered.

2110-District Wide Curriculum/Instruction. Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

Ms. Stokes asked what services they will get for the extra \$16,000?

Dr. Ahern replied that Dr. Ashley is seeking to work with an outside group for literacy instruction in grades K-12.

2120-Department Head/Curriculum Specialist. Mr. Callaghan asked for a hold.

Mr. Callaghan asked for a breakdown of where the increase is going to?

Mrs. Goodman replied that the majority of the increase is a result of an added team chair and the reinstated portion of the art director and anticipated wage increases for all of the department heads in that category. The other portion of the increase goes to anticipated wage increases and the DLI's and Principals. There is also a decrease in administrative technology.

2130-Instructional Tech. Leadership. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

Mr. McNeill asked how the DLI's will continue to improve the students educational experiences going forward?

Mr. Giguere replied that they were advocating for these positions prior to the pandemic. He said the DLI's work to support all of the software, adding that the DLI's are very hands on and impact the PDD the district provides. He said teachers also can utilize them for support.

2305-Teachers Classroom. Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

Ms. Stokes asked about the Lexington plan sick day buyback and why there is a discrepancy between the estimate and approved?

Mrs. Goodman replied that they budget in a lump sum in one category and transfer out as needed. They often do not know who they are going to buy back from until the end of the year.

2320-Therapeutic Services. Mr. Callaghan/Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

Mr. Callaghan asked for an elaboration for an increase in the contracted services.

Dr. Ahern replied that this is the line that reflects the expansion of the NECC Partner Program to the middle schools.

Mr. Callaghan asked if this number was precise or an estimate?

Mrs. Goodman replied that it is pretty precise.

Ms. Stokes said her question was answered.

2325-Substitutes. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

Mr. McNeill asked if substitutes salaries are being reduced because they anticipate fewer substitutes?

Mrs. Goodman replied yes and that the majority of this reduction is due to the change of the PD model. She added that they are no longer having PD during the course of the school day and therefore substitutes are not needed for that timeframe.

Dr. Ahern replied they are doing less PD during the school day. It has been difficult to obtain subs and want to have teachers in the classroom. They aren't opposed to it but doing far less during the day.

2340 Librarians. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

Mr. McNeill asked what has been lacking at the high school since a full time library/media specialist position was taken and what value the restoration will bring?

Dr. Ahern replied for FY20, the full time librarian became a part time librarian and part time English teacher. She added she has been restored to a full time library position. She said the school's accreditation is at risk without a full time librarian at the high school. Also, she added that library services can also shut off any subscriptions for research databases. The position has been reinstated formally in the budget.

2345 Distance Learning. Mr. Charles asked for a hold.

Mr. Charles asked for some elaboration on this line item.

Dr. Ahern replied it is for a software program for credit recovery. She said if a student has failed a class and is able to make it up in a distance learning environment.

2356-Professional Development. Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

2358-Vendor Professional Development. Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

Ms. Stokes asked what the difference is between 2356 and 2358.

Mrs. Goodman replied that 2356 is for a teacher going out to a professional development workshop and covers the cost of course reimbursement. She added that 2358 is for vendors who are coming in to provide professional development.

Ms. Stokes asked if there is a decrease, how will this affect the quality and quantity of professional development in FY23?

Dr. Ahern replied there is a grant so some items have been realigned. She said they are committed to providing quality PD to faculty and staff in a variety of ways but this is more aligned with their current spending.

2410-Textbooks/Media/Materials. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

2415-Other Instructional Materials-Library. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

2420-Instructional Equipment. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

2451-Instructional Technology. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

2454-Instructional Hardware. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

Mr. McNeill asked where these are being cut from?

Mrs. Goodman replied that **2410** is a shift from the textbook account into the **2455 Instructional Software** account. She said that **2415** and **2420** are items at the principal's discretion if there is a need in those categories. She added that **2451** is the cost of chromebook insurance, the cost to insure the newer devices Franklin has is less. She said **2454** has the appearance of a decrease due to a transfer this year of a one time purchase of copiers.

2455-Instructional Software. Mr. Callaghan asked for a hold.

Mr. Callaghan said his question was answered.

3300-Transportation Services. Mr. McNeill asked for a hold.

Mr. McNeill asked the reason for the cuts and shifts in this category?

Mrs. Goodman replied that transportation has shifted due to the pandemic due to the recognized savings during the shutdown and then hybrid model. There is now an increase in areas such as transportation for homeless students and cameras on the buses. She said they anticipate out of district transportation costs going up as well. She said even with fewer buses, the rate is going up with a new 5 year contract in effect next year. She added that a new van driver is in the budget as well.

Ms. Spencer asked how much of the transportation budget is subsidized by Franklin Public Schools?

Mrs. Goodman replied that the bus fees offset about 40% of the budget.

3520-Other Student Activities. Mr. Callaghan asked for a hold.

Mr. Callaghan asked for elaboration on this line item.

Mrs. Goodman said this for stipends for clubs and advisors and after school support for students. She added that it could cover expenses for graduation, or competitions.

9000-Out of District Total. Ms. Stokes asked for a hold.

Ms. Stokes asked for an overview of the bigger changes.

Mrs. Goodman replied this is in anticipation of where students will be placed next year. She said there is a decrease from an opportunity to prepay tuition. She said they are anticipating an increase in the circuit breaker reimbursement by \$335,000.

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

Ms. Stokes asked if the cost for the William James interface was included for FY23?

Dr. Ahern replied yes and is located in line item **1220**.

Ms. Stokes noted that some districts have decided not to enroll with them again.

Dr. Ahern said that 59 individuals have been supported by them this year.

Mr. Giguere added that he and Mrs. Marano attend meetings with them and the community partners to discuss their outlook and to sign an annual agreement with them. He added that he and Mrs. Marano recently attended a meeting with a group that offers similar support. He said they continue to build out as many resources as possible. He added that it can be really hard to connect children and families with mental health support.

Ms. Stokes said she wonders if the new social worker to be hired could help out with this as well.

Dr. Ahern said absolutely and it is an opportunity for the social worker to help make those connections. She said through an earmark from Senator Spilkas's office, they are planning for a universal mental health assessment for grades 8 and 10 this spring. She has requested to receive it again next year. She recommends the district incorporating this into the operating budget. They are actively seeking out more opportunities to connect students and long term services.

Ms. Stokes said she was glad to see the increase of funds at ECDC and would like to see a breakout.

Mrs. Goodman replied they have added a new classroom with additional ESP's and there is about \$800,000 offset from the preschool tuition revolving account to also support the preschool. She added that the majority of the increase is going towards wage increases and there was an increase in the discretionary budget for the school based on enrollment which is very high currently.

Mrs. Marano added that they are using grant funding to increase the occupational therapy services and either a social worker or a full time BCBA.

Ms. Stokes asked about line item **3200**, the \$64,000 health services increase at Oak Street.

Mrs. Goodman replied that she thinks it is the nurse that is shared with HMMS and the cost of the LPN, but she will need to check back on that to be certain.

Ms. Whitmore said she thinks the district has done a great job to increase services.

Ms. Spencer asked where Franklin is now compared to 2018 or 2019 and which budget items support the priority of students?

Dr. Ahern noted the presentation and the strategic investments and initiatives particularly the needs of English learners and special education services. Also, the DLI's, the nurse increases for student's increased medical needs. She added there is still uncertainty and they need to be flexible and may need to adapt in case of a possible spike. Also, maintaining a high level of

nursing to maintain health screenings. She noted the social and emotional well being of students and the addition of Adjustment Counselors, Interventionists, and BRYT counselors. She said by looking at all the lines of the budget they can see the priority shift. They also have been able to identify areas of inconsistency in the curriculum due to the pandemic so the budget focuses on high quality instructional materials and professional development.

Ms. Spencer asked about when the next NEASC review will happen?

Dr. Ahern replied they are at the midpoint and about the five year mark and in a couple of years the high school will need to be thinking about its Self-Study.

Ms. Spencer asked about enrollment numbers and equity. She said there is a Kindergarten class at Jefferson with 12 students and Kindergarten classes at Keller with 21 students. She feels the education happening at Jefferson and Keller are different. She said she hears that kids and staff are getting hurt and services are not being met. She asked if there will be more staff added to Keller since there are two schools in one now?

Dr. Ahern said there are 19 staff to be added, with several of those to be added at Keller. She said they are looking to have class sizes within the school committee's guidelines. They are waiting to see what is happening with the real estate market and she added that K and 1st are the hardest class sizes to predict. She said the target should be 18-22 in K-2 and 22-25 in 3-5. She said they are looking to add an additional section at Keller. She noted one grade level that went high due to new moves into Keller. She said a long term substitute came in due to a teacher out on leave. She said when the teacher came back from leave, they kept the long term sub. She noted a decline in the Parmenter population and also a slight increase at Kennedy and Jefferson.

Dr. Ahern said she is concerned that there are rumors about people being hurt because they take great care to make sure students are kept safe. Dr. Ahern said they have protocols in place to keep kids safe.

Ms. Spencer followed up from the last meeting on her question about the number about caseloads for special education.

Mrs. Marano replied that the average caseload at the elementary level is 12 with a range of 11-13. She said at the middle level the average caseload is 10 with a range of 9-12.

She said at the high school the average caseload is 12 with a range of 11-14.

Mrs. Marano cautioned the numbers and that it is about the services and needs provided.

Ms. Spencer asked if specialists will be able to go back to pulling out accelerated students for extra challenges like they did before Covid?

Dr. Ashley spoke about the difference between Literacy Specialists and Interventionists.

She said the specialists have a specialized degree and also oversee the interventionists and meet with them continually. Both positions meet with students. They also follow a Common Planning Time structure and meet by grade level to talk about meeting the needs of students. She talked about the Reader's Workshop model and how the teachers work within different groups with students at different levels.

Dr. Rogers spoke about math, most specifically Illustrative Math. She said VLA created some challenges, noting the inequalities among students. She said a survey went out to teachers this week about strength and challenges with Illustrative Math. She said the specialists have been in the classroom helping students with the lessons. She said any high achieving students have been handled on an individual basis.

Dr. Ahern spoke about Math at the middle schools and there are students in 8th grade taking courses such as Algebra and Geometry and said Franklin is doing a great job.

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

Ms. Bernstein said she is really impressed with the town's budget book and noted the FAQ section on page 122 and said she has not seen anything like that before.

Mr. McNeill said thank you and noted some key areas like spending money to save money.

Ms. Spencer invited citizen comments.

Ms. Selena Cousin, 114 Beech Street

Ms. Cousin asked about the removal of the Deputy Principal position and wondered if this position is not needed or would it be helpful to be added back?

Dr. Ahern replied that an extra administrator would be helpful at the high school level but not sure the same structure would be proposed. It was not put forward in the FY23 budget, she noted. She added that this is partially offset by the addition of a team chair.

Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to close the FY23 open budget hearing.

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; 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

I. Routine Business

A. Review of Agenda - all is fine

B. Citizen's Comments - there were none

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 - was moved to the beginning of the meeting

D. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ahern spoke about some of the current FHS accomplishments. She said 2nd place was achieved by the Academic Decathlon team in the large school league and three seniors won medals.

Several students won awards at the Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair. One student won second place for her project and two students won a grand prize for their Wheelchair Project along with multiple other awards. All three students will advance to the state championship.

She said in sports, gymnastics won the New England Championship and the Cheerleaders won the National Title in Florida.

She said she will be including information related to the Substance Abuse Task Force’s event *Critical Conversations* in the Superintendent’s Report.

Dr. Ahern said the Best Buddies Prom was last weekend with about 60 students attending. It was held at the Elks Lodge. She said there was a story in the Milford Daily News.

She said the FHS All Night Party will be June 3, 2022 at Horace Mann Middle School. This has been a graduation tradition from 1990 and the planning committee is seeking volunteers.

She said they did not end up surveying families around childhood vaccines. Vaccine rates are low. She said she has been talking with Cathy Liberty, noting that vaccination sign-ups have been low. She noted the concern over vaccine accessibility and Ms. Liberty shared the statewide program for in-home vaccinations. She will be getting that information out to building principals and nurses.

She noted that 3/25/22 is a ½ day PDD. This will be building based PDD.

- ECDC: social emotional learning resources and special assessments.
- Elementary level: MTSS tiered practices and/or literacy instruction.

- Middle level: ASMS will be focusing on their vision and mission. HMMS and Remington - community culture building and behavioral supports.
- High School: Course partner curriculum work, keys to literacy, and the social studies department is engaging in a textbook evaluation.

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

Mr. Callaghan said congratulations to all of the students.

Mr. McNeill said it is exciting the all night party is coming back and heartwarming to hear about the best buddies prom. He is curious about what the grand prize for the wheelchair project was?

Dr. Ahern replied that she can get more information.

Ms. Whitmore said thank you and congratulations.

Ms. Spencer asked if the students could come in and present on their wheelchair project?

Dr. Ahern said she can ask.

II. Guests/Presentations - there are none

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. Policy – 2nd Readings / Adoptions

I recommend adoption of the following policies as discussed:

- BEDB – Order of Business
- BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings
- EBCFA – Face Coverings
- JICFB - Bullying

Ms. Spencer asked if there was a reason this did not go back to Policy before coming for a second reading?

Dr. Ahern replied since no one reached out to Policy for a review or had questions, it was able to be moved to adoption.

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; 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. Discussion Only Items - there are none

V. New Business

A. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern shared the anticipated items for the 4/12/22 meeting:

- Budget vote
- School calendar with professional days
- Policy

VI. Information Matters

A. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports

1. **Superintendent Evaluation** - Workshop for overview, most likely 6pm before an April SC meeting. The date is TBD.
2. **Budget** - Met 3/15/22. Next meeting 3/29/22 at 5pm.
3. **Policy** - Next meeting 4/6/22.

B. School Committee Liaison Reports

1. **Joint PCC** - Met 3/21/22. Next meeting 4/12/22 at 4pm.
2. **School Wellness Advisory Council** - Next meeting 4/5/22.
3. **SEPAC** - Met last week. The group has many new members and a large social media following.
4. **Community Relations** - Met 3/22/22. The Legislative Forum will be 4/14/22.
5. **Substance Abuse Task Force** - This Thursday 6pm-8pm is *Critical Conversations* regarding the impact of social Media. This will be at FHS and on zoom. Ms. Spencer asked if students could attend and Mr. Giguere replied yes. Also, a link went out Sunday to the documentary *Like*, there will be access for a week. This is a SAFE Coalition funded screening.
6. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - Met 3/16/22 and had breakout groups. Next meeting 4/16/22.
7. **Space, Needs, and Facilities Assessment** - First meeting 3/29/22 6:30pm on Zoom.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes of the March 1, 2022 special meeting and the March 8, 2022 regular School Committee Meeting as detailed.

B. Recurring Field Trip

I recommend approval of the request of Beth Jenson & Jennifer Martinelli to take Keller 5th graders to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI on May 27, 2022 as detailed.

C. Budget Transfers

I recommend approval of the budget transfers as detailed.

D. JFK Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,240.80 from the JFK PCC for supplemental supplies as detailed.

E. Scholarship

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$5,000.00 from Takashi & Keiko Kitanosono for a FHS Scholarship as detailed.

F. RMS Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,299.94 from Lifetouch/Shutterfly, LLC for in-house enrichment at Remington Middle School as detailed.

G. Music Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$230.00 from Franklin Music Parents for in-house enrichment for the Music Dept. as detailed.

H. Jefferson Gifts

I recommend the acceptance of two checks totaling \$5,101.64 for Jefferson Elementary School as follows:

Donors Choose	\$101.64	Supplemental Supplies
Jefferson PCC	\$5,000.00	Field Trips

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; 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

VIII. Payment of Bills

Ms. Spencer

IX. Payroll

Ms. Stokes

X. Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session and not return to open meeting.

a. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the FEA/RN unit 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 non-union personnel.

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; 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

XI. Adjournment at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Tocci, Secretary

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