

Franklin School Committee
Minutes
May 8, 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; Dr. Joyce Edwards. The two high school representatives were present, Claudia Moccia and Blaine Roche.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Emily Reilly, 8th Grader at HMMS

Emily is an honor roll student and an active leader at HMMS. We are thrilled to recognize all of her accomplishments and all the positive ways she adds to the Horace Mann community. In the mornings will often find Emily in our video team news studio, reporting the latest school news or working behind the camera. In the afternoons, you will find Emily volunteering for Best Buddies, organizing school-wide events as a member of Student Council, or engaging in literary discussions at Stop Drop and Read. Emily is an ALL In! three peat, having read the school wide novel in her 6th, 7th and 8th grade years.

Through her hard work and dedication Emily has risen as a leader in the eyes of her peers and the HMMS staff. She was recently selected to be a part of the 2018 Six Pillar Society for living out the six pillars of character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship) and serving as a model for others at HMMS.

In her "spare" time, Emily is a soccer player and a performer with the FSPA. Emily recently traveled to Disney over April break to perform and attend workshops with Disney performers.

Moment of Silence

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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

Blaine - Thank you. This week is teacher appreciation and we would like extend our thanks to all the staff. We showed our appreciation through a breakfast today for the staff at the high school.

Claudia - Last friday was the junior prom and it was successful. The buses that the school provided were very successful. We had the luxury buses. Next year they will have a red carpet for us.

Blaine - So AP exams started this week. We have the rest of this week and the next week. MCAS is coming up and there was a successful field test. The seniors have 10 days left until exams, then senior week. Not that we are counting. Then graduation.

Claudia - Music awards will be presented this week and world language induction and awards for national language exams will be presented next week.

Blaine - The spring teams are doing well. The baseball team is doing very well. All the sports are doing and playing great.

d. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ahern - I have a couple of things to add. We are in MCAS testing season, we also have students in grades 3 through 8 taking them as well. The science exams are coming up for grades 5 and 8 and will be taken online for the first time. We want to wish all high schoolers good luck in their AP exams.

It is teacher appreciation week and I want to publicly acknowledge the staff for their hard work and dedication to our students. They are outstanding and deserving of all our appreciation not only this week but throughout the year. Thank you.

Activities are being planned for all schools and the parent groups are supporting our teachers.

The third is the Mass Association of School Superintendents has their spring meeting next week. Mr. Light and I will be attending. From the Fall meeting, the keynote speaker, Steve Vinter, the head of Google in Boston. He will speak on the emergence of computer science and how it changes our lives. It follows up with the theme of computer science and policy of the state and coming to understand how influential computer science is. Later on that day, the agenda is focusing on student safety, students from Florida and project 351 ambassadors will be there to discuss this. This will be a very powerful and emotional presentation

A luncheon will follow with remarks from the new State Commissioner, Jeff Reilly and we are looking forward to attending.

2. Guests/Presentations

a. Transition Program (Students age 18-22) – Pam Myette, Amanda Notz, Carol Merchant

Mrs. Dixon - The strive program has been here for a long time and is one of the crown jewels of Franklin. We have students transitioning from age 14 to age 22. We want to focus on what they hope to become post high school. Most of the students graduate and some with more disabilities need more support and STRIVE is designed to help them with this.

Ms. Myette - The program is to take the goals from the IEP and create a wonderful functional, academic and vocational skills program for them. It is a hard task. The students have physical and emotional needs. This has to be created for each student. We expose them to all sorts of skills. We are trying to get them to think about what they want to do. We have over 100 general ed students who participate in Best Buddies. As I said, Mrs. Notz has done a great job. Mrs. Merchant has been wonderful and this is her last year. She works with the merchants in surrounding areas to get work for the students. We work with agencies in Massachusetts to help us with these students and look at what the needs are. DDS will help when students need more assistance.

Ms. Notz - In my class, I do functional academics like budgeting, money, fraction in cooking, learning how to take a bus, life skills, cleaning, laundry, shopping and leisure. We try to expose them to leisure skills. We do jobs in the community. Everyone has a volunteer job in the town.

Ms. Merchant - You see a list of community partners. One of the main reasons is to thank the businesses that partner with us. They take great pride in their work and help them build confidence.

Ms. Notz - Some of the opportunities are at the Big Y doing various jobs.

Ms. Merchant - Meals on Wheels, this is a wonderful opportunity for the students to give back. They work in the kitchen, learn how to read a chart, get ready for delivery, they help portion meals. Break time has proven to be a great asset and they get to practice social skills.

Ms. Notz - One student works at Judy's Florist. She helps getting the flowers ready. We have students work at Shire Bookstore.

Ms. Merchant - Stony brook was a great opportunity for students to work in nature and do various jobs. At Froyo, they get to learn what goes on behind the scenes. They love this job. They learned safety with knives, how to sanitize, they cut the fruit and put the containers out. One of the students got a paid position. Summit medical apply non-skid strips for wheelchairs. The students must keep their area clean. They do get paid for this and a graduate was hired.

Elizabeth Bagels was one of the first to help us. Jen did not hesitate to help our students. They label bags, they prepare the to-go items, and help clean. This is a paid position.

Ms. Notz - At the Bellingham library, they work to help keep the shelves organized

Ms. Merchant - Kohls has worked with us and hired a graduate who has worked there 5 years.

Ms. Notz - At the YMCA, they wipe down mats, greeted the customers. Chili's restaurant - they help with set-up and opening, and they do food portioning.

Ms. Merchant - at Walgreens this student was trained and hired by them and is still employed.

The Hampton Inn, has a former student who worked in the front lobby and keeping it clean.

Pure Hockey was a high interest site for some of the students. They stocked items and worked on the floor

We would like to acknowledge all the businesses for helping us with this program: Hockomock YMCA, Marshall's, Hampton Inn, Bellingham Library, Milford Hospital, Meals on Wheels, Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, Walgreens, Bath and Body Works, Shire Bookstore, Summit Medical, Froyo, Elizabeth's Bagels, "3" Restaurant, Judy's Village Flowers, Chili's, Big Y, Pur Hockey, Vet Med, East Central Car Wash, Vicario Studio.

Thank you. We also have some community partners here as well.

Mrs. Schultz - I didn't know a lot about this. Thank you. Could you tell us more about the program?

Ms. Merchant - All of our students go out during the day and work with a coach. If they are hired, then they go by themselves. We start out as volunteer and then it can transpire to a job. We want them to learn general skills. Most students don't work more than 2 hours because we want to work with them at the school. Some work full time after they graduate.

Ms. Feeley - Do any of the students get involved with the students at schools?

Ms. Myette - Yes, they do.

Ms. Notz - We want to do an integrated Art program and we currently do integrated health.

Dr. Bergen - We appreciate this. Is everything funded and do you have grants?

Ms. Notz - We got the eagles scouts to help out and we did get grants to help.

3. Discussion / Action Items

a. Policy – First Readings I recommend moving the following Policies to a second reading as detailed:

KF-E2 – FHS Building Use

KF-E3 – Facility Rental Fee Schedule
KF-E4 – Facility Rental Fee Schedule FHS

Mr. Light - This is because we wanted the policy for a new student intern program. One is to allow students to work in a professional setting and the second is for the community where organization pay a high rate for a technician and these students could help with this. The two exhibits show the intern fee. We looked at other fees too and we were charging less for custodians and to account for the lost fees we needed to look at this. This is to cover all costs with updated rates.

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

4. Discussion Only Items

a. Update from Dr. Linden regarding Professional Development recently attended.

Dr. Linden - Last Thursday I went to the Center for Collaborative Education for the Envisioning and Equitable Future through Personalized Learning Conference in Boston. The keynote was Clint Smith, he has some great TED talks. He is currently getting his PhD from Harvard. He talked about the content of the classes and the accuracy of what we teach. He talked about the new deal excluded the people of color. There was a discussion afterwards, we talked about exposing students to all of the topics. We went to a break-out session and we talk with a small school about personalized learning. During lunch there was a panel discussion with students and talked about the high school ..

After lunch there was a program on family engagement. There were rubrics for this and it was a great tool to use and interesting points

It was really great. Thank you.

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 - We will present to the Town Council on May 16 and 17.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS Mrs. Zub - Next coffee is Friday, May 11 senior center topic high school. On May 19, Denise and I are going to Franklin TV with Dr. Bergen.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Mrs. Schultz - We need to schedule some meetings. MASC was Day on the Hill and I did not make it.

AD HOC Dr. Bergen Meeting is May 9 at 8:00

POLICY Mrs. Scofield - We are losing a very valuable member, Peter Light. We have meeting May 29, June 5 and June 14. We hope to have the social media policy done before next school year.

JOINT PCC - Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Douglas - We met with them on Monday, May 7. Mr. Light spoke about the substance abuse and SAFE Coalition and hidden in plain sight. It is a presentation to train individuals to present this scene and set up a teen's bedroom and hide items that are substance paraphernalia and they get to try to identify the objects. It is designed to educate parents in middle school and grade school. It is designed to help them notice things before they happen.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE Mr. Light - We had our last meeting and will pick this up 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 - The whole committee met and all the sub committees met. We have a lot of work to do ahead of time. The sleep committee needs to act first and then we can work from there. June 7 is the next meeting.

6. New Business

a. To discuss any future agenda items -

Dr. Ahern - It includesSBIRT? If we are on track the superintendent recognize retirees each year and a board member for the Cable Committee.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes I recommend approval of the minutes from the April 24, 2018 School Committee meeting.

b. Davis Thayer Gifts I recommend acceptance of the donation of two check totaling \$775.00 from Maureen Sabolinski & Various donors for supplemental supplies for Davis Thayer as detailed.

c. FHS Scholarship I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000.00 form Peter Baglioni for the Fernando P. Baglioni Scholarship at FHS.

d. RMS Surplus Books I recommend declaring the list of books as surplus at Remington Middle School as detailed.

e. Oak St. Gift I recommend acceptance of a check for \$680.00 from the Oak St. PCC for inhouse enrichment as detailed.

f. Music Field Trip-Recurring I recommend approval of the request of Diane Plouffe to take Music students to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on June 8, 2018 as detailed.

g. ASMS Surplus Books I recommend declaring the list of books as surplus at Annie Sullivan Middle School as detailed.

h. FHS Senior Pilot I recommend continued suspension of policy JH – Student Absences for the purposes of the late arrival/early release pilot for seniors at FHS on good standing during quarter 4.

Ms. Schofield put a hold on d and g.

Mrs. Goodman explained that the books were outdated and did not fit into the current curriculum.

Motion for all: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Zub
Oppose: 0

8. Payment of Bills Dr. Bergen reviewed the bills and found them to be in order.

9. Payroll Mrs. Douglas reviewed payroll and found the same to be in order.

10. Correspondence

- a. Budget to Actual - Miriam Goodman - We will be working on this for the next meeting.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Purpose 7 (M.G.L. c 30A, Section 21(a)(7)), to comply with or act under the authority of a general or special law when an open meeting would compromise the purpose for which the executive session is called, with the relevant citations of law being M.G.L. c. 71, §34D and 603 CMR 23.00 et. seq. and 20 8:30 U.S.C. § 1232g, which pertain to the confidentiality of student and education records, and to receive legal advice from counsel protected from disclosure under Massachusetts General Law with the relevant citations of law being M.G.L. c. 4, Section 7, clause twenty-sixth, MGL. c. 30A, s. 21 (a) (1), and M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 22 (f).11.

12. Adjournment

Mrs. Douglas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Schultz

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.

Adjourned by 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

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Vocational Jobs for School Committee (1).pdf
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