

## Franklin School Committee

November 10, 2020

7:00 P.M.

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☐ Vision Statement ☐

The Franklin Public Schools will foster within its students the knowledge and skills to find and achieve satisfaction in life as productive global citizens.

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## MINUTES

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call Attendance: Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - Yes; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. Mary Jane Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Sarah Anderson in Grade 8

Sarah Anderson is a grade 8 student at Remington Middle School. Sarah was chosen to represent Remington as she exemplifies the core values that Remington stands for. Sarah is an outstanding student, kind to all her peers and is supportive of the REMDAWG way, Respectful, Empathetic, Mindful, Determined, Accepting of others, Worthy and Grateful. In her daily life at school she works to spread these attributes among her peers. She is a member of the Remington Orchestra. Outside of school Sarah plays on multiple basketball teams, has played the guitar for four years and enjoys spending time with her family and her Springer Spaniel Lyric. Thank you Sarah for representing Remington so well!

Moment of Silence

Organizational Meeting:

- Election of Chair
- Election of Vice Chair

Dr. Ahern asked for a nomination for School Committee Chair

Ms. Scofield nominated Dr. Bergen for School Committee Chair  
Ms. Spencer seconded the nomination

Motion: Ms. Scofield  
Approve: 6

Second: Ms. Spencer  
Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote;; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. MaryJane Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - had left the meeting and did not vote

Ms. Scofield nominated Ms. Spencer for Vice Chair  
Ms. Pond-Pfeffer seconded the nomination

Motion: Ms. Scofield  
Approve: 6

Second: Ms. Spencer  
Oppose: 0

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Roll Call Vote; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - Yes; Ms. MaryJane Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

Ms. D'Angelo - had left the meeting and did not vote at 7:07 pm

Ms. D'Angelo returned at 7:10 pm to the meeting

## **I. Routine Business**

A. Review of Agenda - reviewed - all is fine

B. Citizen's Comments - 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

Angela Snyder commented on remote learning and working parents.

Dr. Bergen stated that this topic is on the agenda and to please hold comments.

Vera Cooper asked about the email regarding the optional insurance for chrome books. She did not want a chrome book at this time.

## **A. FHS Student Representative Comments**

Akash Shetty updated everyone on the high school and everyone is getting used to remote learning and quarter one is ending. He addressed that the guidance department has been very helpful.

## **B. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Ahern shared the school reopening update and highlight to share. She addressed the Governor's statement regarding health metrics especially Franklin at this time. She spoke about whether it is feasible for full in-person learning and it would be a challenge at this time. She shared that they will continue to monitor the COVID numbers.

Dr. Ahern shared some of the decisions regarding FHS and the Halloween party and the reopening that was postponed. She empathized that the return to remote was difficult.

Dr. Ahern shared that we will have an author visiting all three middle schools next week and it was done through an FEF grant and PCCs. Jordan Sonnenblick will be the featured author.

Dr. Ahern shared that the chamber performers did a virtual recital last week.

Dr. Ahern noted that she and Dr. Ashley will be representing the Kennedy School for 2020 National Blue Ribbon School award.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about sports and if the cohorts could be brought back sooner.

Dr. Ahern stated that they were looking at the success with the COVID testing but the teachers were not ready but cohort C will be back on November 16.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about the author visit and could we use translation options for the ELL students.

Dr. Ahern stated that they will look into that.

Mr. Keenan thanked all the students, parents, teachers and the administration. He also thanked the community.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer thanked the administrators for giving sport and performers permission to get back to sports and performing.

Ms. Scofield also thanked the administrators. She asked to address the comment regarding the chrome book insurance.

Dr. Ahern would like to hold and address it during the policy portion.

Ms. Stokes added that the chamber concert was beautiful.

Dr. Bergen thanked Tim Keenan for trying to come up with positive ways to get the conversation going regarding athletic teams and performers returning to their activities.

Mr. Sherlock asked about a budget for the testing that was done.

Dr. Ahern stated that some was donated by alumnis and the athletic department will have some funds repurposed.

## **II. Guests/Presentations**

### **A. Portrait of a Graduate**

1. Process, Indicators, and Descriptors -- Sara Ahern, Joyce Edwards, Lucas Giguere, Paula Marano, Josh Hanna, Paul Duprey, Lizzie Morrison, Beckie Motte

Dr. Ahern shared a presentation regarding The Portrait of a Graduate.

2. Graphic Design - Anne Marie Tracey

Ms. Tracey shared the graphics she designed for The Portrait of a Graduate.

Dr. Ahern noted that tonight is for discussion and feedback and will then look to have this adopted at the next SC meeting.

Dr. Bergen asked if we should choose a design tonight.

Ms. Stokes stated she liked the one with the compass, number 3.

Ms. Spencer asked about if there will be any PD for this?

Dr. Ahern answered that it will fit into the goals and curriculum development for staff

Ms. Spencer asked about whether they will measure the progress?

Dr. Ahern stated they will be measuring them through instructional units in in the future.

Ms. Spencer liked number 3.

Ms. Scofield would like to look at the graphics again.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer asked about that a graduate from high school would have to start at a young age and isn't some functions for the families to provide?

Dr. Ahern explained that families do play a role and it is not mutually exclusive.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer asked about how can the Town of Franklin afford this? She would like to look at the designs again

Mr. Keenan stated he liked the compass in the design. He liked 3.

Ms. D'Angelo thanked everyone and she doesn't have a favorite.

Dr. Bergen thanked everyone and said that this is a powerful vision. She liked 3 and 1.

Mr. Sherlock thanked everyone and how do you want citizens to provide input?

Dr. Ahern stated she would leave the design choices to the School Committee.

### **III. Discussion/Action Items**

#### **B. Policy - 2nd Reading/Adoption**

I recommend adoption of the following policies as discussed:

- AC - Nondiscrimination
- ACAB - Harassment
- ACAB-R1 - Grievance Procedure for Complaints of Harassment and Discrimination
- ACAB-R2 - Grievance Procedure for Complaints of Sexual Harassment Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
- JQA - Financial Assistance

Dr. Ahern wanted to follow up on the chrome book insurance and the policy came forward that the optional insurance for free and reduced lunch students was also offered to K-8 families and it is optional.

Ms. Spencer asked is the school liable for any chrome books that student's own and get damaged. Dr. Ahern responded that they would not be.

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. MaryJane Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

#### **IV. Discussion Only Items**

##### **C. Reopening of Schools - Status Update 11/6/2020**

Dr. Ahern provided a status update for the school openings.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about kindergarten and first grade for cohort and remote learning.

Dr. Ahern spoke about the remote days for kindergarten and first grade and what that looks like.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about spacing and other options.

Dr. Ahern stated they are looking into this.

Mr. Keenan commented on the report.

Ms. Spencer asked about whole child support and that high school students feel the screen time is high during school and for home work as well.

Dr. Ahern stated they are hearing that as well.

Ms. Spencer asked about teachers and sick time to give them time to catch up with work.

Dr. Ahern stated that we all worried about burn out with staff.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about other districts and how they are doing.

Ms. Stokes asked about the number for second grade, kindergarten and first grade, can we still have students go to remote and what are the class guidelines.

Dr. Ahern stated that the classes are almost at capacity.

Ms. Stokes asked about the deadlines for transfers.

Dr. Ahern stated it was this week.

Dr. Bergen asked for clarification about kindergarten and first grade and the issue with transportation.

Dr. Ahern stated that it would add bussing during the day.

Mrs. Goodman stated that there would be a cost for a midday run and there may not be enough buses.

Dr. Bergen asked about a budget for mental health?

Ms. Marano stated there is never enough for SEL.

Mr. Giguere stated that everyone is having staffing issues and looking at new ways to help students.

Angela Synder spoke about her first grade daughter and their struggles with hybrid learning.

William Ertle spoke about his first grader going through the same issues and to review what it looks like for them having remote learning and the possibility of getting them to return to school.



Meaghan Benson agrees with what Will Ertle said and she also has a first grader and kindergartener and it is unsustainable at this time.

Jacquelyn Gubka wanted to reiterate what has already been said regarding getting the students back into the classroom for the younger students.

Ms. D'Angelo asked is there an option that we could put out there for consideration about the younger learners?

Dr. Ahern stated they can look into putting something together.

## **V. Information Matters**

- A. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports (e.g. Ad Hoc Supt. Evaluation, Ad Hoc Facilities Analysis, Budget, Community Relations/Public Schools Advocacy, Policy, Transportation)
- B. School Committee Liaison Reports (e.g. Joint PCC, Substance Abuse Task Force, School Wellness Advisory Council)

**BUDGET** Dr. Bergen, Mr. Keenan and Ms. D'Angelo - did not have a meeting, budget workshop next Tuesday, November 17

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS** - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Dr. Bergen - no meetings yet, FEF meeting this Thursday. MASC met last week. All resolutions were passed except the one related to attendance.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY** Dr. Bergen -

**POLICY** Mrs. Scofield, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes-Meeting Thursday, November 12 at 6.

**JOINT PCC** - Ms. Pond-Pfeffer - Met on October 27. Next meeting on Monday, November 23.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE** - Dr. Bergen, Ms. D'Angelo, Mr. Giguere - Met on October 27 and next meeting November 24.

**SCHOOL WELLNESS** - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes - Met on November 4.

**AD HOC DAVIS THAYER FACILITY** Ms. Stokes, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Ms. Scofield-  
Meeting was held to go over the presentation. A community meeting was held last  
week. Aim to gather all the information by the winter and go onto the other stages.

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

**AD HOC SUPERINTENDENT** - Dr. Bergen - no meeting yet

**RACIAL JUSTICE** - Dr. Bergen - did not meet

**VI. New Business**

- A. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern stated we will look to adopt The Portrait of a Graduate.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 27, 2020 School  
Committee meeting as detailed.

- B. Executive Session Minutes

I recommend approval of the executive session minutes from the October 27,  
2020 School Committee meeting as detailed to be released.

- C. Solutions Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$300.00 from the Franklin Cultural  
Council for supplemental curriculum materials for the Solutions Program as  
detailed.

- D. Athletics Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$61.85 from Campus Box Media, LLC  
for supplemental supplies for FHS Athletics as detailed.

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. MaryJane Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer -  
Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

**VIII. Payment of Bills are in order**

**IX. Payroll is in order**

Dr. Bergen  
Ms. D'Angelo

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**X. Adjournment at 9:36 pm**

Motion to adjourn:

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. MaryJane Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

SCAgenda 11-10-20

November 10 Updated POG Skills and Descriptors.pdf

POG Presentation-School Committee November 10, 2020.pdf

Portrait of a Graduate - SC Version .pdf

Discussion Action A - Policy.pdf

Reopening Schools Status Update Nov 6 2020-2021.pdf

Consent Action A - Minutes.pdf

Consent Action B - ES Minutes.pdf

Consent Action C - Solutions Gift.pdf

Consent Action D - Athletics Gift.pdf

Payroll Warrant #2109 Summary.pdf

Payroll Warrant #2109.pdf

SC Warrant 102220.xlsx

SC Warrant 102920.xlsx

FPS Summary & Sign Off 111020.pdf

SC Warrant 102220.pdf

SC Warrant 102920.pdf

20-21 SC Sub Committees

Budget2Actual.pdf

Enrollment-October 2020.pdf

Pledge Student.pdf

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