

**Franklin School Committee  
Minutes  
November 13, 2018  
Municipal Building – Council Chambers**

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Chris Sterns of Franklin TV was present  
A reporter was present from the Milford Daily News

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm

Dr. Ahern

**Attendance:** Mrs. Dianne Feeley, was not present; Present were -Mrs. Cindy Douglas, Mrs. Mary Jane Scofield; Dr. Anne Bergen; Dr. Monica Linden; Mrs. Denise Schultz; Ms. Virginia Zub; Mr. Lucas Giguere; Dr. Sara Ahern; Mrs. Miriam Goodman; Dr. Joyce Edwards. No high school representative were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance -**

Edward Zhu is a 5th grader in Ms. Leary's class at Jefferson.

He was chosen to represent Jefferson at this meeting because he is one of the kindest, most respectful students at our school. Edward really enjoys learning about American history and geography, so Social Studies is one of his favorite subjects. He also likes science and doing experiments.

Edward also attends Chinese school, where he is learning to write in Chinese. He speaks Mandarin already. Edward is an accomplished piano player and wowed us all at last year's talent show. He also has had the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall.

We're hoping he will perform in this year's talent show also!

**Moment of Silence**

**School Committee Organization**

**a) Election of Chair**

Mrs. Douglas nominates Dr. Bergen to be Chair of the School Committee; Mrs. Schultz seconds the nomination.

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Motion: Mrs. Douglas  
Approve: 6

Second: Mrs. Schultz  
Oppose: 0

## **b) Election of Vice Chair**

Ms. Scofield nominates Mrs. Schultz to be Vice Chair of the School Committee;  
Mrs. Zub seconds the nomination.

Motion: Ms. Scofield  
Approve: 6

Second: Mrs. Zub  
Oppose: 0

## **1. Routine Business**

### **a. Review of Agenda - all set**

### **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 - none were present**

### **d. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Ahern - Dr. Ahern – This announcement has gone out that there is an event in Medway for K– 8 parents. The wellness department has worked with Thrive and they are hosting this event. It is about raising a healthy student in this fast paced world. There will be dinner along with childcare from 5 and up. There is an RSVP and it looks excellent. There is a high school movie that will be screened at FHS on January 8. Kristen Letendre coordinated this.

Team FPS is taking on the Harlem Wizards Friday at 7:00 at Tri County. It will be an exciting game for all. This is in support of FEF and their grant program.

I am returning from a conference last week and the theme was leadership and the arts. We heard from speakers from four sessions and one included Jen Chapin, a musician, who demonstrated how music affects us. Very talented person. We also heard from Dr. Jay Norika, he delivered a keynote address examining the role art plays for leaders. We heard from Lodge McMannom and how music and dance changes a classroom. We were taught from Caroline Woolard, an artist who creates sculptures, about how we can use art in learning and how art-based activities work.

There was some compelling data to the underrepresentation of students of color in schools.

It was an interesting theme and hasn't been exposed. Arts play such a strong role. I was able to network with some colleagues.

I want to close with that next week we have a short week. The schools will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The offices will be open on Wednesday.

Dr. Bergen - Thank you.

### 3. Discussion / Action Items

a. School Committee Goals I recommend adoption of the School Committee Goals as discussed.

Dr. Bergen – The School Committee goals are focused on budget and two-way communication and monitoring. We want to focus on evidence and how to create presentations. Regarding the budget, we set a few benchmarks and work to do a public forum with Town Council and finance committee. We will review the capital budget and we are planning to do a five-year district plan. With monitoring we will have more coffees and set more times to meet with the general public.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas  
Approve: 6

Second: Mrs. Schultz  
Oppose: 0

#### 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; Ad Hoc Superintendent's Evaluation) Proposed Timeframe 7:00 PM b. School Committee Liaison Reports (e.g. Joint PCC; Substance Abuse Task Force; School Wellness Advisory Council [SWAC]; School Start Times Advisory Committee [SSTAC], MASC)

**BUDGET** Dr Bergen - We met today, November 13 to focus on the budget workshop. We want to share information and make it available for everyone. We will meet on November 20.

The people in this group are, Mrs. Schultz, Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Zub.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS** Mrs. Zub - Will meet on December 5 at the FHS library. This will be an open discussion. Our planning meeting will be on December 11.

The people in this group are, Mrs. Schultz, Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Zub.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY** Mrs. Schultz - Next meeting in November 26. The report from the conference was that I put forth our amendments and none passed but the wording was changed to be similar to what we suggested. They presented a social media forum and I will share that with you.

The people in this group are, Mrs. Schultz, Dr. Bergen and Ms. Scofield.

**AD HOC** Dr. Bergen -Next meeting is November 15. We will review goals. The people in this group are, Mrs. Feeley, Dr. Bergen and Dr. Linden.

**POLICY** Mrs. Scofield - Next meeting is December 4. We don't have a schedule set yet.

The people in this group are, Ms. Scofield, Mrs. Schultz and Dr. Linden.

**JOINT PCC** - Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Douglas - Next meeting is November 26.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE** - Mrs. Douglas - Next meeting is November 27. Update to follow.

**SWAC** Mrs. Douglas - Met November 13 to discuss three sub committees:

1. Physical activity
2. Mental health
3. Nutrition

**SCHOOL START TIMES** Dr. Linden -Next meeting is November 19. We have updated on busing and about how to communicate all of the information. There will be a survey going to parents and to the older students. The people in this group are, Ms. Scofield, Dr. Linden and Mrs. Zub.

#### 6. New Business

Dr. Ahern - We will be discussing the MCAS results for Franklin and seek approval on my goals.

Dr. Bergen - This is a lot for one meeting, we will be taking out one presentation from this meeting.

- a. To discuss any future agenda items

#### 7. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from your October 23, 2018 School Committee meeting.

- b. Transfers

I recommend approval of the budget transfers as detailed.

c. Parmenter Gifts

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$740.00 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips as detailed.

d. Jefferson Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$4,500.00 from the Jefferson PCC for field trips as detailed.

e. Davis Thayer Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$519.00 from the Davis Thayer PCC for field trips as detailed.

f. Keller Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,822.66 from O'Connor Portraiture, Inc. for supplemental supplies as detailed.

Motion for all: Mrs. Douglas  
Approve: 6

Second: Mrs. Zub  
Oppose: 0

8. Payment of Bills Dr. Bergen

9. Payroll Mrs. Douglas

10. Correspondence – Student Activity Accounts – Miriam Goodman

11. Adjournment 7:25 pm

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

**Adjourned by 7:25 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

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