

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

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**MINUTES**

“The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.”

**Ms. Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:26pm and said at the end of the meeting they would be adjourning to executive session and not returning to open meeting.**

In attendance: Ms. Camille Bernstein-Yes; Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Mr. David McNeill-Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes-Yes; Ms. Meghan Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer-Yes

Also in attendance were: Mr. Lucas Giguere; Mrs. Paula Marano; Mr. Timothy Frazier

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Parmenter Elementary School**

Gianna Gibbons:

Gianna is a fifth grader with a great attitude. Gianna is kind and inclusive, making everyone feel like a valued part of our classroom community. She has a consistently positive approach to learning and is a very inquisitive learner. She extends this positivity to her time outside of school, participating in a variety of activities like soccer and karate. Gianna starts her day with a smile greeting all those she walks past, spreading her positive energy. She is an extremely hard worker and is always willing to help others. She models Parmenter's Core Values of inclusion and caring on a daily basis. Gianna is a tremendous asset to our fifth grade - providing an excellent example of always "choosing kindness first".

Landon Edwards:

Landon is a fifth grader at Parmenter School who consistently displays all of Parmenter's Core Values. He is so respectful to his teachers and his peers and puts his best effort into everything he does. A day doesn't go by without Landon wishing his teachers well and thanking them at the end of the day. Landon is an excellent role model and has a terrific sense of humor. He was new to Parmenter this year and has quickly acclimated himself as a positive leader. We are so fortunate to have Landon as part of our Parmenter family.

## **Moment of Silence**

Ms. Whitmore made a statement regarding the latest violence in the LGBTQIA+ community.

### **I. Routine Business**

**A. Review of Agenda** - all is fine

**B. Payment of Bills**

Mr. McNeill will be handling going forward

**C. Payroll**

Ms. Spencer will be handling going forward

### **D. FHS Student Representative Comments**

Mr. Ahan Shetty; President, class of 2023

Mr. Shetty said the class of 2023 recently sold class t-shirts with the money going towards the prom. He said the class of 2024 has recently launched their raffle calendar.

He said fall sports playoffs have wrapped up and the football team will play at King Philip on Thanksgiving. He added that winter sports are starting up.

He said Cinderella performances were the last two weekends.

He said the Student Government hosted a pep rally today. Finally, he said that the band has an upcoming concert on 12/8/22 at 8pm at FHS.

## **E. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Giguere shared an update from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety. He said in regards to 911 they shared two lifesaving ways people may not know about. They are Text to 911 and Silent Call Procedure.

He also shared a snow process update and said all details on the website. He said it contains information on how decisions are made and what factors into decisions.

He said FHS once again received the National Banner Recognition from Special Olympics International. He said this was presented at the Pep Rally earlier today. Mr. Giguere said the DEI Deep Dive community session was on 11/19/22. He thanked Ms. Heidi Harris, Mrs. Paula Marano, and Ms. Lily Rivera for all of their planning and the community for attending.

He said the first Redistricting analysis advisory committee was held on 11/15/22. He said the next meeting is 12/20/22. He noted they are in the beginning stages of the process and they will be analyzing enrollment data, facilities usage, demographic and geographic information. He said it will be a very thorough, transparent and well thought out process. He said the space needs committee will present the findings along with possible recommendations to the school committee to consider in the late spring. He added that at this time nothing has been brought forth to the School Committee. He said no scenarios have been ruled out or predetermined at this time.

He said that at home Covid test kits went home this week to staff and students for a one-time distribution. He said testing is not required and if there are any questions to contact their school administration.

Finally, he wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving.

### **Ms. Spencer asked for any comments/questions from the committee?**

Ms. Bernstein spoke about her thoughts of redistricting and how it can be best handled by parents and the community.

Mr. Callaghan asked if the website will continually be updated with redistricting information?

Mr. Giguere replied they will be continually updating as new information is available.

## **II. Guests/Presentations**

### **A. District Assessment Presentation - Mr. Timothy Frazier**

*\*See presentation slides for more detailed information.*

Mr. Frazier gave an overview of the 2021/2022 MCAS Assessments. He shared an update on the last time students took the MCAS tests prior to Spring, 2022.

He shared a key message from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding their data.

He spoke about Spring, 2022 MCAS state-wide trends in English, Math, and Science.

Mr. Frazier also spoke about Grade 10 ELA achievement, ELA achievement for high needs, Math achievement, Math achievement for high needs, STE Achievement, STE Achievement High Needs. Mr. Frazier also spoke about Grades 3-8 ELA, Math, and STE and high needs.

He spoke about conclusions for Grades 10 and 3-8. He said Franklin continues to outperform the state when looking at percentages.

He spoke about areas of strength and he spoke about areas for growth. He also spoke about how they plan to address areas of growth.

**Ms. Spencer asked for any comments/questions from the committee?**

Ms. Bernstein said this test is important to mark where struggling learners are but said they should not be teaching to the test. She said she has not heard that this is the message from the central office.

Mr. Callaghan added that it is a testament to teachers that Franklin is still outperforming the state even though our funding is in the bottom 25%.

He noted the MTTS and asked if they have the budget for the tier program to reverse negative trends.

Mr. Giguere said he was in two elementary schools this week when they have been in Math. He said the staff quickly were able to jump in and identify who needed extra assistance and have the support of the interventionist.

Mr. Frazier added that the MTTS is about thoughtful design.

Mrs. Marano spoke that the Interventionists are from grants and they will need to figure out how to absorb the cost once those funds run out.

Mr. Charles asked about the adoption of Illustrative Math and if the Math scores are due to this implementation.

Mr. Frazier replied that you typically will see a downward trend in the first few years of a new program.

Mr. Charles also spoke about family engagement and how best they can support the teachers. He also mentioned adding more emphasis in Pre-K.

Mr. McNeill spoke about the achievement gap and how to better help these students.

Mr. Frazier spoke about MAP testing and that is a 3 time a year assessment. This will help to do some focused intervention. He said Title I is also available to some students in two of the schools.

Mr. McNeill asked if there is any one thing they should be doing more of as a district to help bridge the gap?

Mr. Frazier replied enabling teachers to come together to understand their curriculum and help build on their capacity.

Mrs. Marano added that making sure students with disabilities and EL students are exposed to the rich curriculum.

Ms. Stokes thanked Mrs. Marano for talking about inclusion.

Ms. Whitmore said thank you for the presentation.

Ms. Spencer said that she disagrees with Mr. Callaghan's comment about Franklin being in the bottom 25% of the budget and still able to do so much. She likes that MCAS highlights areas for growth and students with high needs.

Mr. Callaghan said he is concerned about what will happen to so many of the great programs once the ESSER funding runs out.

Ms. Stokes elaborated on what a high needs student is. She said this test is created in a way that is biased against those groups.

Ms. Bernstein said the town needs to be considering how they fund the schools.

Mr. Giguere noted that Dr. Rogers could not attend this meeting but was online for this presentation.

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

#### **A. Superintendent's Proposed Goals**

I recommend approval of the Superintendent's Goals as discussed.

Mr. Giguere shared his four key goals and gave some detailed information.  
Ms. Stokes shared the proposed timeline for this evaluation process.  
She noted on page 12 in the row labeled June, to remove the word *chair* as it is the whole subcommittee the works together.

Mr. McNeill asked Mr. Giguere which goal he thinks will be the easiest to accomplish and which goal will be the most challenging?  
Mr. Giguere replied the easiest would be participating in his training program. He said he anticipates the most difficult would be the redistricting analysis and the balance of people's feelings and the best decision making for the district.  
Ms. Spencer asked if this is a living document and if changes could be made?  
Mr. Giguere replied that he can make a goal change before the vote and Ms. Stokes said after they vote it's no longer a living document. She said Mr. Giguere can't change the goals but can continue to add to his outcomes and evidence.

**Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill**

**Approve: 7    Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 7-0**

**B. Policy - First Reading**

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

- KF-E3 - Facilities Fee Schedule
- JLCCD - Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in the Education Setting
- JLCCD-E - Protocol & Guidelines for Management of Life-Threatening Food Allergies in FPS

Ms. Stokes asked if families need to provide their own EpiPen?  
Mrs. Marano replied yes.  
Ms. Stokes asked if schools have any EpiPen's on hand just in case?  
Mrs. Marano replied yes.

**Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill**

**Approve: 7    Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 7-0**

**IV. Discussion Only Items - there were none**

## V. Information Matters

### A. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports

1. **Superintendent Evaluation** - no updates
2. **Budget** - the Franklin Finance Committee will meet on 12/7/22.
3. **Policy** - next meeting 12/14/22
4. **Community Relations** - no updates
5. **Space, Needs, and Facilities Assessment** - have not met

### B. School Committee Liaison Reports

1. **Joint PCC** - next meeting 12/12/22
2. **School Wellness Advisory Council** - next meeting 1/3/22
3. **SEPAC** - next meeting is end of November
4. **Substance Abuse Task Force** - met last week
5. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - next week

## VI. Consent Agenda

### A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the November 8, 2022 School Committee meeting as detailed.

### B. Recurring Field Trip - HMMS

I recommend approval of the request of Mallori Polucha to take HMMS 7th Grade Science students to Colt's State Park in Bristol, RI on May 30 & 31, 2023 for a *Save the Bay* program as detailed.

### C. Districtwide Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$800.00 from VFJ Renovations for in house enrichment as detailed.

### D. Keller Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,488.65 from O'Connor Portraiture for supplemental supplies as detailed.

### E. Drum Set Donation

I recommend acceptance of the donation of a drum set, valued at approximately \$1,000.00, from Mr. Faenza to the Franklin Music Department as detailed.

**Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill**

**Approve: 7    Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 7-0**

## VII. Citizen's Comments

Naomi Hickey, 4 Independence Way

Ms. Hickey said that she moved to Franklin for the schools but it has not been a positive experience for her and her son who has high needs.

**VIII. New Business**

**To discuss any future agenda items**

Mr. Giguere shared the anticipated items for the 12/13/22 meeting:

- Lifelong Learning update

**IX. Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to adjourn and enter into executive session. She said they would not be returning to open meeting.**

Approval of Executive Session minutes from October 25, 2022 and November 8, 2022 School Committee meetings as detailed.

**Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill**

**Approve: 7    Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 7-0**

**X. Adjournment at 9:04pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Tocci, Secretary

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Payroll Warrant #2310 Summary.pdf  
Payroll Warrant #2310.pdf  
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SC Warrant 110322.pdf  
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Discussion Action A - Supt Goals.pdf  
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Consent Action A - Minutes.pdf  
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