

Franklin School Committee

November 24, 2020

7:00 P.M.

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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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“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.”

MINUTES

Call to Order at 7:03 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

Peyton Weiss, Gr. 5

Peyton Weiss is a 10 year old Fifth Grader at Davis Thayer Elementary School. You will never see Peyton without a smile on her face and that attitude is reflected in the way she treats her classmates and teachers. She always has a positive attitude in everything that she does. She loves all her classes, but especially math. Outside of school you can find Peyton competing in gymnastics or on the field hockey field. She is a big fan of anything Disney or Harry Potter.

Moment of Silence

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

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer commented on the FHS field hockey team having won the title and congratulated them.

A. FHS Student Representative Comments

Katie Garrigan spoke about going back to the start of hybrid learning that it has been successful.

Mackenzie Atwood attended school as cohort C and loved being back in school and it was a positive experience.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ahern shared a budget update on FY21, the current budget year. She stated that both the senate and the house have released their budgets. She summarized that the levels will stay the same with a small increase for inflation.

She updated the Committee on the winter sports season and registrations are currently being taken with modifications made with sports.

Dr. Ahern shared a complimentary note regarding the girls hockey team helping decorate the downtown for the holidays.

Dr. Ahern shared the FEF received funding and will be awarding grants.

Jenna Perro was nominated for the Thank a Teacher Campaign from Staples and won \$5,000.00 in school supplies from Staples.

Dr. Ahern shared the success of the cabaret held outside in the courtyard and how entertaining it was.

She shared some pictures from various schools as to what learning is looking like. Dr. Ahern reiterated that the high school has started hybrid and how well it is going.

Ms. D'Angelo asked for a presentation regarding fall sports.

II. Guests/Presentations

A. None

III. Discussion/Action Items

B. Policy - First Readings

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

1. JJEa-Crowdfunding Policy
2. GE-Telework Policy

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

C. Portrait of a Graduate Skills and Descriptors

I recommend adoption of the Franklin Public Schools *Portrait of a Graduate* Skills and Descriptors.

Motion: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Spencer
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

D. Portrait of a Graduate Graphic

I recommend adoption of the Franklin Public schools *Portrait of a Graduate* Graphic #3 as discussed.

There was a discussion about another graphic which was number 2.

Motion: Ms. Stokes
Approve: 4

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 3

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Jennifer D'Angelo - No; Mr. Timothy Keenan - Yes; Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer - No; Ms. MaryJane Scofield - No; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

E. Superintendent's Evaluation 2019-2020

The Chair recommends approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2019-2020 as detailed

Dr. Bergen read the evaluation regarding Dr. Ahern and all the performance goals.

Mr. Keenan commented on going through the evaluation and he feels that Franklin is fortunate to have Dr. Ahern as a Superintendent.

Ms. Scofield reiterated what Mr. Keenan said previously.

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Ms. Spencer commended Dr. Ahern for all the hard work.

Ms. Stokes commented on how difficult the process was for evaluating Dr. Ahern and how everything changed so rapidly with the pandemic.

Dr. Ahern thanked the sub committee for all the hard work and acknowledged all the school committee members for their hard work.

Motion: Ms.Spencer
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

A. Reopening of Schools - Status Update 11/20/2020

Dr. Ahern provided a status update for the reopening of the schools. She shared the health metrics regarding COVID and Franklin is in the yellow category. She discussed quarantine requirements for the staff and students.

She shared some of the items the digital specialists are doing with the staff to assist them. She stated that they are monitoring the staff and their well being.

Ms. D'Angelo would have liked more information regarding K through first grade and when they might be able to go back full time.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer spoke about the amount of communication regarding full-time attendance for students and inquired about when they could go back.

Ms. Spencer spoke about the site visits and the HVAC issues and not receiving the UVGI.

Dr. Ahern provided a status that supplies and materials are harder to get. She also spoke about the status of air purifiers in classrooms.

Ms. Stokes asked about numbers from hybrid to VLA and how they are working.

Ms. Spencer requested an update on subs.

Dr. Bergen asked about the potential impact for gatherings for the holidays and if we could possibly go remote.

Gayle Melko commented on how heavy the workload is as a teacher in Franklin Public Schools.

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 - Meeting on December 1 and will meet with Finance committee

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Dr. Bergen - will schedule a meeting after Thanksgiving

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Dr. Bergen - no information

POLICY Mrs. Scofield, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes - Next meeting is December 17.

JOINT PCC - Ms. Pond-Pfeffer - Met this past Monday.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Dr. Bergen, Ms. D'Angelo, Mr. Giguere - Met today and next meeting is on December 22

SCHOOL WELLNESS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes - Met on November 17. Next meeting is December 15

AD HOC DAVIS THAYER FACILITY Ms. Stokes, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Ms. Scofield- We completed a podcast with Steve Sherlock which will be ready to go this week. Seeking community input as well. Next meeting will be the beginning of December.

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

AD HOC SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Bergen - presentation was done during this school committee meeting

RACIAL JUSTICE - Dr. Bergen - did not meet

VI. New Business

- A. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern stated that there will be a budget workshop and some goals for herself. She will also present a look at the next school year calendar.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the Minutes from the November 10, 2020 School Committee meeting as detailed.

- B. Transfers

I recommend approval of the budget transfers as detailed.

- C. FEF Donation

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$10,000.00 from the Franklin Education Foundation for in-house enrichment, Supplemental Supplies and Supplemental Curriculum Materials as detailed.

- D. Parmenter Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$150.00 from the Parmenter PCC for Supplemental Supplies as detailed.

- E. Music Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$320.00 from Franklin Music Parents for in-house enrichment as detailed.

- F. FEF Grant

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,500.00 from the Franklin Education Foundation for Supplemental supplies 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

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- VIII. Payment of Bills are in order**
IX. Payroll is in order
X. Adjournment at 9:03 pm

Dr. Bergen
Ms. D'Angelo

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

SC Agenda 11-24-20
Discussion Action A - Policy.pdf
Discussion Action B - POG Skills-Descriptors.pdf
Discussion Action C - POG Graphic.pdf
Discussion Action D Supt Eval.pdf
Reopening Schools Status Update November 20 2020-2021.pdf
Consent Action A - Minutes.pdf
Consent Action B - Transfers.pdf
Consent Action C - FEF Donation.pdf
Consent Action D - Parmenter Gift.pdf
Consent Action E - Music Gift.pdf
Consent Action F - FEF Grant.pdf
Payroll Warrant #2110 Summary.pdf
Payroll Warrant #2110.pdf
SC Warrant 110520.xlsx
SC Warrant 111220.xlsx
FPS Summary & Sign Off 112420.pdf
SC Warrant 110520.pdf
SC Warrant 111220.pdf
Pledge Student.pdf

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