

Franklin School Committee
October 13, 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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MINUTES

Call to Order 7:00 PM

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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Sahasra Gone

Sahasra Gone is a seventh grade student at Annie Sullivan Middle School. Her favorite subject is Science. One thing she loves about school is interacting with her peers and teachers. She is an active participant at Annie Sullivan and in the community. Last year she attended Art club as an after school club and she also participated in fundraising throughout the community. She helped raise money through Bighelp which is an organization that raises money for underprivileged kids. She put up a lemonade stand and donated the money. Sahasra is a dedicated student and hopes to attend Harvard University for college.

I. Routine Business

A. Review of Agenda - reviewed

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

A. FHS Student Representative Comments

Akash Shetty - President of Senior Class. He shared his thoughts and the student's on remote learning that it can be isolating but has had a positive impact on him.

Katie Garrigan - Senior, Class Treasurer, and she also shared her thoughts on remote learning and how some students could get lost.

Nipun Goel - Junior Class President again shared his thoughts and said that it is a mixed bag and commend the teachers for all their work.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ahern - She shared information about health metrics and data regarding the reopening of the schools. She stated we are below average of COVID cases. She informed the public that we are ready to return with all the protocols in place. She spoke about the FHS and how they will have three cohorts to come to school in person and have the hybrid program for them.

She provided an update on the ultraviolet project for the schools and it is an additional precautionary measure.

Dr. Ahern provided an update on technology and the new chromebooks which are due any day. She spoke about how funds from the fund for COVID will help with any technology issues. She stated the bandwidth for internet will be looked at and monitored as more students come back to schools

Dr. Ahern spoke about the free meal program and the continuation of this program.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about any staffing concerns.

Dr. Ahern stated that it continues to be a concern.

Mr. Keenan asked about feedback about athletics.

Dr. Ahern stated that the students were masked and working on safety protocols.

Ms. Scofield asked about the PPE.

Dr. Ahern stated they all have proper PPE at the schools.

Ms. Spencer asked about the process of changing how a student may want to change their learning model (hybrid/virtual).

Dr. Ahern gave a brief explanation.

Ms. Stokes asked about updates on the reopening task force.

Dr. Ahern stated that they are putting the team together.

Ms. Stokes asked about VLA and literacy and math specialists.

Dr. Ahern spoke about these positions.

Dr. Edwards also spoke about these positions in school learning and virtual learning.

Ms. Stokes asked about the Kindergarten and the long screen times and would the day get shorter for half-day kindergarten.

Dr. Ahern stated that they were not currently looking at that but instead are looking to balance screen time with low tech options.

Dr. Bergen thanked Dr. Ahern about looking into laptops for teachers.

II. Guests/Presentations

A. Superintendent Evaluation Evidence Presentation 2019-2020

Dr. Ahern presented the Superintendent's Evaluation Evidence and three areas for the School Committee to consider during this process.

She shared a presentation regarding the evaluation process.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about the Portrait of a Graduate and how you can see that.

Mr. Keenan commented that the evaluation process would want to coordinate pandemic information that you have handled.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer asked about the goals and when they were developed.

Ms. Stokes wanted clarification on the period of this evaluation. She also asked about staff and their well being and staff evaluation.

Dr. Bergen clarified that they did meet before this meeting regarding this evaluation.

B. District Improvement Goals 2020-2021

Dr. Ahern shared the goals for the Franklin Public Schools and how this is the third year for these goals and then began the presentation.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about aligning the curriculum with the Portrait of a Graduate.

Ms. Stokes spoke about how it feels business as usual for this year and is this a good time to do all of this?

Dr. Ahern shared more information moving forward with this year.

Dr. Bergen spoke about the goals and how it will impact the future.

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. District Improvement Plan

I recommend adoption of the 2020-2021 District Improvement Goals as discussed.

Motion: 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

B. Policy - 2nd Reading/Adoption

I recommend adoption of the following policies as discussed:

A. EEAEC - Student Conduct on School Buses

B. EEAJ - Motor Vehicles Idling on School Grounds

Motion: 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

C. Reduction of Pay to Ride Fees

I recommend approval of the Pay to Ride bus fee to be set at \$130 for the 2020-2021 school year as discussed.

Motion: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Stokes
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. MASC Resolutions (#1, 4-6)

I recommend adoption of the following MASC resolutions as discussed:

Motion was made to waive reading and do a brief summary:

First: Ms. Stokes
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. D'Angelo
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

A. Resolution #1: MCAS and High Stakes Testing

Motion was made :

First: Ms. D'Angelo
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
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

B. Resolution #4: Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections

Motion was made:

First: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
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

C. Resolution #5: Supporting Increased Federal Support and Stimulus Funding for Public K-12 Education

Motion was made :

First: 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

D. Resolution #6: Retention of Medicaid Revenue

Motion was made :

First: Ms. D'Angelo

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 6

Oppose: 1

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

IV. Discussion Only Items

A. Resolution #2 COVID-19 State Funding

Dr. Ahern explained that the Committee had previously approved this.

B. Resolution #3 School Committee Anti-Racism Resolution

Dr. Ahern also explained that the Committee had previously approved this.

Discussion Only Items

A. None

Information Matters

B. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports (e.g. Ad Hoc Supt. Evaluation, Ad Hoc Facilities Analysis, Budget, Community Relations/Public Schools Advocacy, Policy, Transportation)

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- C. 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 - Met last Thursday, October 8

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Dr. Bergen - Next meeting is October 20. FEF held a fundraiser last week

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Dr. Bergen - no report

POLICY Mrs. Scofield, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes- Need to set a meeting.

JOINT PCC - Ms. Pond-Pfeffer - Met on September 21.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Dr. Bergen, Ms. D'Angelo, Mr. Giguere - Preparing to start those up again along with SWAC.

SCHOOL WELLNESS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes - Getting meetings set.

AD HOC DAVIS THAYER FACILITY Ms. Stokes, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Ms. Scofield- met on September 30. Looked over the report regarding DT and all school buildings.

TRANSPORTATION - Mr. Keenan, Dr. Bergen, Ms. Scofield - No meetings as of yet.

AD HOC SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Bergen - Meetings coming up to prepare Superintendent's evaluation.

RACIAL JUSTICE - Dr. Bergen - Next event is on October 17 from 4 to 6 at 67 Degrees

VI. **New Business**

- A. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern shared that at the next meeting we will have October 1 enrollment report, there will be a facilities analysis presentation from KBA Architects, and MASC resolutions 7 - 10.

VII. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from your September 22, 2020 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

B. Executive Session Minutes

I recommend approval of the Executive Session Minutes from your September 22, 2020 School Committee meeting to be released as detailed.

C. Parmenter Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$980.00 from the Franklin Community (coordinated by Heather Sansoucy & Kristen Gillen) for supplemental supplies at Parmenter Elementary School as detailed.

Motion for Minutes: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Approve: 6
Abstain: 1

Second: Ms. Scofield
Oppose: 0

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

Motion for Executive Minutes and Parmenter Gift:

First: 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

VIII. Payment of Bills - looks correct

Dr. Bergen

IX. Payroll

Ms. D'Angelo

X. Executive Session

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3), move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation and collective bargaining with the FEA/RN Unit as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares, and not to reconvene in an Open Session.

Motion to go into executive session:

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

Adjourned to go to executive session 9:17 pm

The Committee returned to open session at 9:38 PM.

Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement II between Franklin School Committee and Franklin Educators' Association related to the reopening of school.

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

XI. Adjournment 9:40 PM

Motion to Adjourn: 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

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

SCAgenda 10-13-20

DIP Initiatives to SC 2020-2021.pdf

Superintendent's Evaluation Evidence 2019-2020.pdf

SuptEvalEvidence Presentation to SC 10-13-20.pdf

Discussion Action A - DIP.pdf

Discussion Action B - Policy.pdf

Discussion Action C - Pay to Ride.pdf

Discussion Action D - Resolutions.pdf

Reportofrescommittee2020.pdf

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Consent Action B - ES Minutes.pdf
Consent Action C - Parm Gift.pdf
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