

**Franklin School Committee
Minutes
October 23, 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. Bergen

Attendance: Mrs. Dianne Feeley; 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. Only one high school representative was present; Bea Bondhus.

Pledge of Allegiance -

Demetra Seremidis is a true embodiment of Panther Pride.

In her four years at FHS... She has taken a course load of exclusively honors and AP courses, and her grades are exceptional. She is passionate and destined for success in the film industry, due in no small part to her creativity, her work ethic, and her qualities as a leader. She has been working at Franklin TV since her freshman year, when her internship turned into a staff position. She has also worked at a farm and floral shop in town, and is a paid assistant and a photography and videography studio in South Boston. She has won many accolades in and out of school, including placing 12th in a Film Festival with over 1,000 student entrants. Additionally she is a member of the FHS TV Club, the Franklin Arts Academy, National Arts Honors Society, Peer Leaders, and has filled many roles with the FHS Drama and theatre department, ranging from appearing on stage to Stage Manager, and is even an accomplished puppeteer.

Finally, her omnipresent smile and contagious enthusiasm make her an obvious choice to represent Franklin Public Schools

Moment of Silence

1. Routine Business

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a. Review of Agenda -

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 -

Bea – Will couldn't make it tonight, but Mr. Peri and Mr. Klements said I had to lead with this. Will is on the Varsity Football team and shaved his head with a mohawk and lines on his head in honor of the football team making the playoffs. He did not want to be on TV.

Over the past couple of weeks, we had our club fair, we had 70 clubs represented during this great event. It is great for the freshmen to see what FHS has to offer.

Football, golf, both soccer teams, volleyball, field hockey, both cross country teams all made the playoffs. And football has its first game against Brockton at home. Homecoming was last week, it was a great time with over 600 students attending.

Peer mentoring sessions started a couple of weeks ago.
We had curriculum night at the high school too. That was a success.

Panther Pride night is coming up for parents and also light up a life, we walk around the school for families in need. Lastly we had cabaret last week and the auditorium was full both nights.

d. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ahern - I have a few things to share. Professional learning occurred at many school districts and we have a lot of offerings. Next Thursday we are hosting a Finish educator at FPS and he does workshops and presentations

on Finland project based learning. He will spend a day in the district. He will present to central office administrators and principals. He will meet with the social studies team to discuss what they do in Finland and on merging content with 21st Century Learning Skills. In the afternoon, he is going to conduct a 3 hour workshop after school to the teachers on breaking down barriers and to work in a hands on way to develop a project or to revamp a project that they have their eyes on with an emphasis on student voice and choice.

Last week we had the MASSCUE conference. It is an educational technology conference for this type of learning. There were 3,500 educators at Gillette Stadium. FPS sent about 15 people to MASSCUE. We had 6 presenters, we had Franklin High School students present with teacher Alissa Torrantio; Dan Chase presented on school-wide and district-wide broadcasting through raspberry pie which is a technology he is using; Joyce Edwards presented digital learning and she was selected by MASSCUE to do this; Sara Lewis, a Davis Thayer teacher, did a google presentation on flip grid that integrates into google classroom and Ann Williams and Kate Merten, from Kennedy, presented augmented reality in the classroom which was funded by the FEF grant. We were excited to have FPS represented.

Two FPS teachers were awarded seats at the symposium, Dawn Fernandes and Craig Williams. There will be talks about Finland and Singapore. Defining the knowledge students need to November 3 will be the conference.

We have reminders that there are two half-days this week and no school November 6.

Dr. Linden - Do you want to share the article about the finger nail polish.

Dr. Ahern - There was a student in kindergarten who wore nail polish to school and was questioned and felt sad, his dad stood up for him on social media in the community and broadly as well. There were articles about it and talking about it. We have value of inclusivity and each child should feel safe in our schools. We enforce being kind to everyone. I would be happy to answer any other questions.

2. Guests/Presentations

a. NONE

3. Discussion / Action Items

a. Policy - Second Readings

I recommend adoption of the following policies:

- i. JFABE - Education Opportunities for Military Children
- ii. JFABF - Education Opportunities for Children in Foster Care
- iii. BCA - School Committee Member Ethics

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

b. MACS Resolutions

Dr. Ahern - We have a MASC liaisons, we are going to review the resolutions. At the MASC conference there is a delegate assembly to represent schools systems.

Mrs Schultz represents us at the MASC.

Mrs. Schultz - Last year was the first year, I went to the conference so establish that and voted on our behalf, We did not go over the resolutions in the Fall, so here we have all of the resolutions. The resolutions are brought to the floor and are discussed and I will vote in what you want me to do. Also I may vote for something and it may not pass. As a member these are goals for the organization. It helps them figure out what to do and where to go.

Dr. Ahern - Do you want to go through each one, then vote?

Mrs. Feeley - When is the meeting?

Mrs. Schultz - November 7 through 10 in Hyannis on Cape Cod.

Mrs. Feeley - You have to vote today then?

Mrs. Schultz - Yes

Mrs. Feeley - It is confusing and I have some questions and it seems like we need to think about it before voting.

Mrs. Schultz - We can improve on the timeline for next year.

I recommend adoption of the following MACS Resolutions as discussed:

1. Rejecting the arming of Educators

Dr. Bergen - Any questions on this resolutions?

Ms. Scofield - There was a piece about where firearms are not being provided that teachers who have licenses can bring them in, does this preclude districts from allowing educators to have firearms?

Mrs. Schultz - My understanding is the school resource officers are the only armed forces in our schools. From MASC they will not support this

Dr. Ahern - This is about the act of providing educators with firearms.

Motion: Mrs. Zub

Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz

Oppose: 0

2. Mrs. Schultz – read the resolutions about on small and rural districts

Dr. Linden - Does this mean the MASC will propose a Bill?

Mrs. Schultz - Yes.

Ms. Scofield - I just want to understand the reasoning behind this, is the State trying to get small districts to merge?

Mrs. Schultz - Not being in one of these districts, there is variety of districts that have challenges and they could do it together.

Mrs. Feeley -I feel uncomfortable, this doesn't impact us, why do we decide this?

Mrs. Schultz - We are in support of them doing this research.

Dr. Linden - We need to support the MASC on what they are doing.

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 5

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 2

3. Mrs. Schultz – read the resolution for Elimination of the Federal Department of Education.

Dr. Linden - Would they lobby against this?

Ms. Scofield - they would lobby against this? Keep them separate.

Dr. Linden - Does this have to be approved by Congress?

Mrs. Schultz - Let me see. I don't know.

Mrs. Zub - It could be a directive.

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

4. Mrs. Schultz read the resolution for Regional School Transportation

Dr. Linden - my understanding is that some of our busses go do other bussing, is that correct?

Mrs. Goodman - We don't. Holmes bus contracts with Charter and Tri County.

Dr. Linden - Can you use them to be efficient and affected by this?

Mrs. Schultz - This is for regional districts that don't have more than one provider?

Dr. Linden - Do we know that Holmes could be affected?

Mrs. Goodman - I can't tell what the bids were. I think this law is in response to those regional districts for competition for buses and could be less cost for them.

Mrs. Douglas - Does this mean it doesn't pertain to us?

Mrs. Schultz - No it doesn't.

Mrs. Feeley - When I was reading this to collaborate to provide safe alternatives, does that mean it could other than buses, could it be public transportation?

Mrs. Schultz - I don't know.

Mrs. Goodman- I think it falls along the lines of reimbursement of transportation. I don't know that the law prohibits schools from using public transportation. This is looking to eliminate the contracts for bus transportation but looks for other ways.

Mrs. Schultz - So gatra could bid on transportation

Mrs. Goodman - There are requirements that they must meet to apply.

Mrs. Feeley - So this is fine.

Mrs. Goodman - I don't have a recommendation. This is for regional districts. My opinion is to have competitive bidding.

Dr. Linden -Under the part it says it should be fully funded by law?

Mrs. Schultz - The committee looks at the process and then we move forward then to the executive board then we look at what we will be working on.

Dr. Linden - They don't feel like they can do that?

Mrs. Schultz - I don't know

Mrs. Goodman -I would add the department of education would not fully fund regional transportation. They will never fully fund this type of transportation.

Motion: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs.Zub
Oppose: 0

5. Mrs. Schultz read the resolution regarding reporting and accountability standards

Ms. Scofield - what would be an example of a private school

Mrs. Schultz - Charter schools.

Ms. Scofield - Working at a charter school is a private school?

Dr. Ahern -Where the money follows the child, we have to fund the students as to where they go and share title 1 and title 2 funds

Dr. Linden - Is there title 1 funding attached to a homeschooler, how does that work?

Dr. Ahern - They don't receive public funding

Dr. Linden - I am confused that private and home schools should get funding? You could say that home schoolers should do MCAS?

Mrs. Schultz - Would you like to have that stricken, the second whereas taken out?

Dr. Linden - The resolution is clear.

Dr. Bergen - The government regulation they should be getting funds for laying the groundwork.

Dr. Ahern - You could argue indirectly that there is some funding going on in an indirect way.

Dr. Linden - Would that imply that homeschoolers, that this would mean are subject to the same requirements and who is funding them?

Dr. Edwards - It is funded by the family and we monitor what they are doing. The resolution is about the funding and the charter school piece.

Dr. Linden - I worry about high schoolers that might fall back on the district.

Mrs. Schultz - So if you are reviewing plans and that takes time from you, are you reimbursed by DESE?

Dr. Edwards – No, we are not reimbursed. We don't have a large home school population. It could be a drain if we had a large amount of homeschoolers and that could be a cost.

Dr. Ahern - I am looking at this that the second statement should be a premise that there are different options for families.

Mrs. Schultz - I think the intention is that we need more transparency in charter school funding.

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Douglas
Oppose: 0

6. Mrs. Schultz read the resolution for Reproductive Health Education.

Dr. Bergen - Questions?

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

7. Mrs. Schultz read the resolution on Gender Identity Inclusive Athletic Participation Policy

Mrs. Schultz – Okay

Mrs. Feeley – In our locker rooms are they all private?

Dr. Ahern – I am not sure.

Mrs. Schultz – My understanding is that it really is not in existence for schools and they need to retrofit schools.

Mrs. Feeley – I just wanted to know if the showers are individual?

Mr. Giguere – Yes, the showers are private.

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

8. Mrs. Schultz read the resolution Relative to Sport Wagering

Dr. Bergen - Questions, comments?

Mrs. Schultz - I felt strange voting on this. We do benefit from the lottery, we need to make sure we have a claim in the sand.

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

9. Mrs. Schultz read the resolution Relative to Access to Information for Parents and Students Who Are Clients of Special Education

Mrs. Feeley - How many days currently do parents get before a meeting?

Dr. Edwards -There is a period of time but I don't remember

Dr. Ahern- I don't have it readily available.

Dr. Edwards - If you were presented with materials, you can ask for another meeting.

Mrs. Feeley- So my thought was is that 5 days a lot, or is that not enough? How far back does that push the testing? We are talking about English language learners are not all on IEPs, is that worded correctly?

Mrs. Schultz - The translation was the main issue.

Dr. Edwards - We cover that already. It is a requirement. It would be clearer if said as needed.

Mrs. Feeley - The 5 days will push the meetings back. The documents are confusing and need to be explained.

Mrs. Schultz - This is getting at that it gives the families time to look at the documents before the meeting. Getting a translated document to families regarding special education.

Mrs. Feeley - This is confusing.

Dr. Edwards - The five days is the new piece and again there is a lot of information sent home with any explanation. The five days could make a difference.

Mrs. Schultz - There is a 25 day timeline for the parents to get information and request a meeting.

Dr. Bergen - What my concern is that this is wonderful by the legislature is giving us a mandate, please ask them if there are increased cost with this, that we don't need to pick up these costs, that the state should pick up the cost? Would there be funding for this?

Mrs. Schultz - This was interesting that some schools had a high English Language learners and there is a cost that the schools would incur.

Dr. Edwards - You would back up your timelines and the completion window is even more narrow. There is a huge cost. We put it in the budget each year.

Mrs. Schultz – Do we know what the history is for budgeting then?

Dr. Edwards - We had to allocate more money last year for this.

Mrs. Schultz - we want to have tools accessible but that seems translation services available for students where we cannot find them.

Dr. Linden - It is law already, it is just about the timeline?

Mrs. Schultz – Yes, it is.

Mrs. Feeley – Why do we need to do this for everybody?

Mrs. Schultz – The MASC needs to make sure all districts work on this.

A motion was made with the caveat of determining funding for any costs associated with this

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 6

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 1

10. Mrs. Schultz read the resolution Proposal to Amend the MASC By-Laws

Motion: Mrs. Zub
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Schultz
Oppose: 0

4. Discussion Only Items

a. BICO Quarterly Information Update

Dr. Ahern – They provide us with an update each year. There are 220 students in BICO. They opened a new program in Attleboro and another one at Providence Highway. They developed SEL program. They expanded community partnerships.

b. Enrollment Data Update

Dr. Ahern – I included the enrollment update for discussion. Pre K is not included in the chart. Please refer to the chart for all the information. The numbers are similar than last year. We did a 10 year look at free and reduced lunch. In 2008 it was 6% and this year we have 14% families at free and reduced lunch.

On the second page, race and ethnicity is broken down. Then on the last page, it doesn't include students at Charter or private schools. It shows the breakdown of students attending the Charter school. It shows the home schooled students and then breakdown of private schools.

There is a second packet that you receive on a monthly basis for enrollment. This does include preschool. We have 5,234 and we have 100 less than last year. Our elementary enrollment is higher. We had more kindergarteners

this year than we thought we would have. We are down a bit at the high school. I will have the middle school and high school enrollment.

Dr. Linden – The numbers are different on this first page than the second page.

Dr. Ahern – Let me go back and take a look at it. I think this is historical data.

Ms. Scofield – When did Xaverian include 7 and 8th grade?

Dr. Ahern - A few years ago.

Ms. Scofield - Mount St. Charles is not on here?

Dr. Ahern – Can we get that numbers?

Dr. Linden – The Foxboro School for Advanced Learners, do you have that number?

Dr. Ahern – Yes, I can get you that.

5. Information Matters

a. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports (e.g. Budget; Community Relations; Policy; Transportation; Public Schools Advocacy; Ad Hoc Superintendent's Evaluation)

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 will meet October 24 and then meet on November 13 for a workshop.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS Mrs. Zub - Thank you to Dr. Ahern, Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Schultz for attending the Harvest Festival. We had some interaction. Dr. Bergen and I brainstormed what we can do next time. We

did get a positive comment on the newsletter. Next meeting in November 3 at 9:00, the theme is SEL.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Mrs. Schultz - We met on October 2 and we will meet again in November or early December.

AD HOC Dr. Bergen -We will be setting up a meeting with Dr. Ahern soon.

POLICY Mrs. Scofield - Next meeting is November 5.

JOINT PCC - Dr. Bergen and Mrs. Douglas -

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Mrs. Douglas - Will meet on November 27. We had the first meeting with Mr. Giguere. We are developing resources in school and would like YMCA and Town Council to be more involved

SWAC Mrs. Douglas - Next meeting is November 13. We will be reorganizing new goals and create consistency throughout the school

SCHOOL START TIMES Dr. Linden - We will meet on October 25.

6. New Business

a. To discuss any future agenda items - NONE

7. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2018 School Committee meeting.

b. Executive Session Minutes

I recommend approval of the executive session minutes from your September 25, 2018 meeting to be released

c. NYC Field Trip

I recommend approved of the recurring request of Diane Plouffe to take approximately 50 middle school chorus students to New York City to see "Once On This Island" on May 11, 2019 as detailed.

d. Parmenter Gift

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$1,755.00 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips as detailed.

e. Music Gift

I recommend acceptance of the donation of \$1,230.00 from various music parents for in-house enrichment as detailed.

f. JFK Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$725.00 from the JFK PCC for field trips as detailed.

Motion for all: Mrs. Douglas
Approve: 7

Second: Mrs. Zub
Oppose: 0

8. Payment of Bills Dr. Bergen - All bills are in order

9. Payroll - Mrs. Douglas - Payroll is in order

10. Correspondence – Budget to actual - Miriam Goodman, School business Administrator - No transfers at this time

11. Adjournment at 8:40 pm

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

Adjourned by 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

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