

**Franklin School Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**June 13, 2017**  
**Municipal Building – Council Chambers**

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Mike Gleason, Milford Daily News was present  
Steve Sherlock, Franklin Matters was present

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Dr. O'Malley

Dr. O'Malley read the District's Vision Statement.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Delaney Hughes - 8th Grader from Horace Mann Middle School

**Attendance:** Mrs. Bilello (7:11 p.m), Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Douglas, Dr. Bergen, Dr. O'Malley, Ms. Schultz (7:10 pm), Dr. Jewell were present. Also present were Dr. Maureen Sabolinski, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Peter Light, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Joyce Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning; Ms. Miriam Goodman, School Business Manager; Linda Ashley, Principal, Jefferson Elementary School; Sarah Klim, Assistant Principal, Jefferson Elementary School; Edward Quigley, Principal, Parmenter Elementary School; Shannon Barca, Assistant Principal, Parmenter Elementary School; Kate Peretz, Principal, Oak Street Elementary School; Lisa Trainor, Human Resources Director; Deborah Dixon, Director of Student Services; Ellen White, Assistant Director, Student Services; Paula Marano, Assistant Director, Student Services; Rebecca Motte, Principal, Horace Mann Middle School; Keltie Kelley, Principal, Early Childhood Development Center; Brian Wildeman, Principal, Remington Middle School; Danielle Champagne, Assistant Principal, Remington Middle School

**Moment of Silence.**

**1. Routine Business:**

- **Citizen's Comments:** None

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**3. Action Items:**

- a. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,700.00 from the Franklin Music Boosters for in-house enrichment at FHS.  
Motion: Dr. Jewell                      Second: Ms. Scofield  
Approve: 7                                      Oppose: 0
- b. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,073.32 from the Parmenter PCC for supplemental supplies.  
Motion: Dr. Jewell                      Second: Ms. Scofield  
Approve: 7                                      Oppose: 0
- c. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$500.00 from John & Elizabeth Ombelets for a FHS Scholarship.  
Motion: Dr. Jewell                      Second: Ms. Douglas  
Approve: 7                                      Oppose: 0
- d. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$300.00 from the Jefferson PCC for supplemental supplies.  
Motion: Dr. Jewell                      Second: Ms. Douglas  
Approve: 7                                      Oppose: 0
- e. I recommend acceptance of several checks totaling \$188.00 from the Class of 1967 for in- house enrichment at FHS.  
Motion: Dr. Jewell                      Second: Ms. Douglas  
Approve: 7                                      Oppose: 0
- f. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$262.76 from O'Connor Studios for Supplemental Supplies at Keller Elementary School.  
Motion: Dr. Jewell                      Second: Ms. Douglas  
Approve: 7                                      Oppose: 0
- g. I recommend approval of declaring 5 Wenger Choral Risers as surplus as detailed.  
Motion: Dr. Jewell                      Second: Ms. Douglas  
Approve: 7                                      Oppose: 0

- h. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000.00 from Franklin Library for a FHS Scholarship.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Douglas

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- i. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$375.43 from Ahold, USA for supplemental supplies at FHS.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Douglas

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- j. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000.00 from Franklin Country Club for a FHS Scholarship.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Douglas

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- k. I recommend acceptance of several checks totaling \$2,095.00 from various donors for the Dr. Maureen A. Sabolinski Scholarship fund.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Douglas

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

## **5. Information Matters:**

### **• Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Sabolinski commented that she would like to reiterate Dr. O'Malley's comments at the beginning of the meeting about FHS Graduation, it was an incredible evening, thanks to FHS Administration, faculty, and DPW for getting everything ready. A thank you to the PCC and All Night Party committee. The kids had great time and it was a memorable evening.
- Dr. Sabolinski gave a shout out to the FHS girl's lacrosse team, they did not win State final, however, they had an incredible season and got to the State finals. The Community is proud of them. Great coaching by Kristen Igoe.
- Dr. Sabolinski commented on the Girls 4x800 Track team came in

3rd place in the New England Championship, shout out to Nicole Clermont, Katie Hartnett, Julie Fenerty and Emma Clifford who were part of that team.

- Dr. Sabolinski also advised the School Committee of a serious matter that the District has been grappling with, there have been hateful drawings at 2 complexes. She also advised that a letter was sent in this regard and has received positive feedback. The district wanted to reach out to community to reiterate that the lack of understanding on some of the symbols are hateful and doesn't reflect any of the values of the Franklin Public Schools, we wanted to send a strong message that it is not just a Franklin Public Schools problem but also a Community problem and are willing to partner with anyone who would like to partner with us to establish a more respectful and tolerant climate. There is no place for hate in this community. Dr. Sabolinski advised that there was an offer from a parent to hang signs on schools, etc. that say 'hate doesn't have a home here'. The District will be reaching out to start that initiative. Dr. Sabolinski advised that the District will be doing some partnerships with some community groups who have expertise in confronting bias.

Discussion ensued.

- **School Committee - Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Policy Sub Committee-** Ms. Scofield advised that the Policy Sub Committee met last tuesday evening, it was an open session for parents to come to discuss thoughts on the proposed homework policy, every age level was represented. This has been the biggest crowd, policy is a good draw. There are about 250 responses from parents on the survey, parents felt that strongly about it and took the time to let us know their thoughts. Ms. Scofield advised that Peter and Joyce will rework the policy and meet again next Tuesday. Dr. Ahern will be joining them at that meeting. Ms. Scofield advised that she hoped there will be a first read of the

Homework Policy at the next School Committee Meeting.

Discussion ensued

- **Community Relations** - Ms. Schultz advised the Committee that the newsletter had been sent out. The Community Relations Sub-Committee held its last coffee for the school year, the homework policy was discussed, there were 2 residents there. Ms. Schultz plans to send the next newsletter in August and the dates for coffees will be posted in that newsletter.
- Budget committee - Dr. O'Malley advised that the Budget Sub-Committee did not meet and that the State has not yet decided on their budget.
- Communication - Dr. O'Malley advised that he has been involved in communication meetings with the Senior Center. He advised that the Seniors like to have open doors of schoolhouse, to see what is going on in our schools. The Seniors have been meeting at the Senior Center and recently meeting at the HS with groups of students to discuss issues mostly of interest to the elder citizens of the community. It has been phenomenal, he thanked the Superintendent and the Principal for allowing this to happen and for assembling 20 kids to meet with Seniors citizens and the Seniors are learning that our schools are communities at work and it takes a village to raise them.
- Dr. O'Malley gave kudos to the School Committee for their good attendance to graduation and awards night.
- **School Committee Liaison Reports**
  - a. **JPCC (Joint Parent Communication Council) - Dr. Bergen-None**
  - b. **SWAC (School Wellness Advisory Council) - Ms. Douglas -None**

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Adjourn:** Dr. O'Malley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Douglas.

**Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Childers

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