

**Franklin School Committee
Minutes
September 22, 2015
Municipal Building – Council Chambers**

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Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mullen

Mrs. Mullen read the District's Vision Statement.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mosi Bullers-Shah, 8th Grade Student from Horace Mann Middle School and his sister Willa Bullers-Shah, 5th Grade Student from J.F. Kennedy Elementary School led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. O'Malley, Mrs. Rohrbach, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Trahan and Dr. Jewell were present, Julie Harrington and Alana Lynch (Student Representatives). Also present were Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, Assistant Superintendent Sally Winslow, Kelty Kelly, Principal of the F.X. O'Regan Early Childhood Development Center, Thomas Morris, Principal, Parmenter Elementary School, Shannon Barca, Assistant Principal, Parmenter Elementary School, Linda Ashley, Principal, Jefferson Elementary School, Sarah Klim, Assistant Principal, Jefferson Elementary School, Joan Teye, Principal, J.F. Kennedy Elementary School, Ashley Bodkins, Assistant Principal, J.F. Kennedy Elementary School, Paula Marano, Speech Language Pathologist, Intern, Kathleen Gerber, Assistant Principal, Oak Street Elementary School, EveMarie McNeil, Principal, Davis Thayer Elementary School, Stefanie Wasik, Assistant Principal, Davis Thayer Elementary School, Eric Stark, Principal, Helen Keller Elementary School, Kate Peretz, Assistant Principal, Helen Keller Elementary School, Shawn Fortin, Principal, Horace Mann Middle School, Katelyn Demers, Assistant Principal, Horace Mann Middle School.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

1. Routine Business

- **Citizens Comments:** None
- **Review of Agenda:** None
- **Minutes:** I recommend approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2015 School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Each Principal presented their specific goals for their schools as it relates to the PK-5 School Improvement Plans and the overarching goal.

Mrs. Sabolinski introduced the Assistant Principals for the Elementary Schools they work as co-leaders with Principals. Mrs. Sabolinski also introduced Paula Marano who is doing an internship for educational leadership.

Mrs. Rohrbach asked Mr. Morris about flexible grouping and noted it was an interesting concept and was it in place yet?

Mr. Morris indicated that it has been in place for two or three years. Flexible grouping is an outgrowth of common planning time to collaborate on which students are at level, struggling or above level. Then the students can be broken up in to small little management cohorts.

Mrs. Rohrbach inquired as to what the vertical teaching was? Mr. Morris indicated that it has not been tried yet but what it looks like is 4th & 5th graders working with each other, 2nd & 3rd graders working with each other, it is an area to explore a little deeper.

b. Horace Mann Middle School's School Improvement Plan

Mr. Fortin, advised that the Middle School has very similar language and goals.

Dr. Jewell inquired as to whether the standards are rigorous enough, then shouldn't students be exceeding the standards as opposed to meeting the standards? Are we concentrating on meeting the standards or exceeding the standards?

Mr. Fortin advised that everyone needs to know what the meaning of rigorous means and that is not just giving more homework. It is understanding the needs of each individual student and then we can find resources to push them.

Dr. Jewell inquired as to going a little more in depth as to how to educate parents, how they can assist and not assist. The way I learned it was this way, rigor is being able to think through a process and come up with a conclusion, not just memorize how to get to the answer.

Mr. Fortin replied that the default is putting out more information. We would like more people involved in decision making, taking core values and turning them into expectations, involving students, parents and community in the process.

Recess

3. Discussion Only Items:

NONE

4. Action Items:

Approval: 7

Oppose: 0

- k. Comment: Mrs. Sabolinski advised that this is a school sponsored trip. When the students return they will be invited to the School Committee for a full report. I recommend approval of the request of Mr. Light for students to travel to New Hampshire on February 8, 2016 to hear presidential candidates speak as detailed.

Motion: Mrs. Trahan

Second: Mrs. Rohrbach

Discussion: Dr. Jewell inquired as to how the students were chosen to attend this field trip. Mrs. Sabolinski advised that the students are from the AP Government Classes and is part of the curriculum. She has had an opportunity to visit Mr. Walsh's class and the students are very engaged and have lively debates.

Approval: 7

Oppose: 0

5. Information Matters:

- **Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Sabolinski advised the Committee of the new Monthly Newsletter, Nutrition Nuggets which was included in the School Committee packet. The newsletter was sent to all parents through Connect Ed, increasing community engagement.

Mrs. Sabolinski was pleased to report that there was a finalist from the Horace Mann Principal Search. The finalist spent time with parents and a panel of students at the school today and answered questions. All faculty had an opportunity to meet the finalist. The finalist will have a final interview with the Superintendent on Thursday. Mrs. Sabolinski indicated she was waiting for feedback from all groups, parents, faculty, students, and that once that information is received, she will make the decision.

Mrs. Sabolinski thanked all who participated in the search, especially Sally Winslow, Assistant Superintendent and Lisa Trainor, Human Resources Director who facilitated the search, which included going through resumes and interviewing a number of candidates.

Mrs. Sabolinski advised that the new Principal search for the Oak Street Elementary School will start in October.

Mrs. Sabolsinki was pleased to inform the Committee that the Franklin High School Accreditation process has been approved. The NEASC team will be in the district on March 12, 2017. Mr. David Soulard, Guidance Counselor at the High School and Ms. Jane Hogan, Art Director at the High School will be chairing the steering committee. Mr. Light and Mr. Peri will begin training on Tuesday to begin Accreditation process.

Mrs. Sabolinski advised that the Open House will be held on October 24, 2015 from 9-11 a.m. There will coffee/donuts in the morning and folks can check out the high school.

Mrs. Sabolinski advised that the Downtown Harvest stroll will be on October 15. Mrs. Sabolinski advised that there will be many middle school and high school students performing. The event begins at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sabolinski advised that she and Sally Winslow will be attending their first snow meeting on October 1, 2015.

Mrs. Sabolinski also reminded the committee as did Alana that October 21st is Panther Pride night. It is open to parents and students.

Mrs. Sabolinski was pleased to inform the Committee that the last FHS building committee meeting was held last week and will be officially disbanded at the Town Council meeting on September 23, 2015.

- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: None
- School Committee Liaison Reports: None

6. New Business:

Vice Chairman Roberta Trahan reminded the public about the Harlem Wizard's Game to support the FEF on November 13, 2015. Mrs. Trahan notes that this is a major fundraiser for the FEF. The tickets are on sale. Ms. Sabolinski asked if a team has been established as of yet. Mrs. Trahan advised that it is in the works.

7. Adjourn: 7:50 p.m.

Mrs. Trahan made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session and not return to open session.

Seconded by Mrs. Rohrbach

Mrs. Douglas:	Yes	Mrs. Mullen:	Yes
Dr. O'Malley:	Yes	Mrs. Trahan:	Yes
Mrs. Rohrbach:	Yes	Dr. Jewel:	Yes
Mr. Clement:	Yes		

All members in attendance for Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Childers

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