

**Franklin School Committee  
Minutes  
November 12, 2019  
Municipal Building – Council Chambers**

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Chris Sterns of Franklin TV was present  
No one present from the Milford Daily News

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm

Dr. Ahern

**Attendance:** Ms. Jennifer D’Angelo, Mr. Timothy Keenan, Ms. Judith Pond-Pfeffer, Ms. Mary Jane Scofield, Dr. Anne Bergen, Ms. Denise Spencer, Ms. Elise Stokes, Dr. Sara Ahern; Mrs. Miriam Goodman; Dr. Joyce Edwards were all present. Mr. Lucas Giguere was not present. Franklin High School representatives; Dan Harrington, Ally Ivers and Chorr-Kin Chin were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Carly Johnson-Pellegrini  
Horace Mann Middle School  
November 12, 2019

Carly Johnson-Pellegrini is an 8th grader at HMMS and a leader in many ways. Academically she is a dedicated student, achieving honor roll every term of her middle school career. Carly is an active participant in our Franklin Music program. She plays the bassoon in our Horace Mann symphony band and tenor sax in our jazz band. Carly has served as a member of Best Buddies and is a returning Peer Leader in our A World of Difference program. In both clubs, Carly serves as a role model for our younger Franklin students. Outside of school, Carly plays Metro basketball and Fury softball. Mr. Williams and I are thrilled to recognize Carly and all the ways she contributes positively to the Horace Mann community!

**Moment of Silence**

**Organizational Meeting:  
Election of Chair**

Dr. Ahern asked for a nomination of Chair  
Dr. Bergen was nominated and vote was taken 7-0, all in favor.  
New Chair of School Committee is Dr. Bergen

### **Election of Vice Chair**

Dr. Bergen looked for nominations for Vice Chair. There was a nomination for Denise Spencer but not seconded, and one for Mary Jane Scofield, it was seconded and a vote was taken 7-0, all in favor.  
New Vice Chair is Ms. Scofield.

## **1. Routine Business**

**a. Review of Agenda** - All is fine.

**b. Citizen's Comments** - none

i. 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

### **c. FHS Student Representative Comments**

Dan - It was nice to see the snow.

Ally - We have 10 days until Thanksgiving. Fall season sports have ended. Coach Bain was named coach of the week. Andre Tippet will be the announcer at a game.

Chorr-Kin - We had a blood drive and the captain's conference is tomorrow. We will have a play Almost Maine coming up in the next week.

Dan - Panther Pride night was Thursday. Our Unified jamboree was on Saturday. Unified basketball just ended and unified art and track will be starting soon.

#### **d. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Ahern - I would like to congratulate our new School Committee. Speaking of snow I did make the decision of emergency bussing for tomorrow morning, wind chill of 2 degrees. I sent out a regroup about bus service. Students who don't have bus privileges can be picked up by the drivers. We do not anticipate a need for afternoon busing.

I want to share a recap of last week's Massachusetts School Superintendent's meeting. I enjoy going.

Norman Orenstein was one of the speakers and reflected on making policy. Derek Gay remarked on Diversity for the 21 Century.

I attended breakout sessions throughout the day. There was compelling information on how to brand your schools and how to enhance communication. We learned more about the strike in Dedham. I attended a session with MAPLE, which we belong to. The last session was on evaluating the superintendent. It was a great conference.

An upcoming event is our professional status celebration for our educators. It is awarded after 3 full years of successful employment in the district. It is a high bar to obtain this status. We have 30 educators who have received professional status. We will have a reception on Monday, November 18.

We have a couple of events, one is the sleep education night on Tuesday, November 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 in the FHS lecture hall. We will have a parent education night in January on vaping. The Footlighters will be performing the Wizard of Oz. We have 50 students in the cast. This will be held Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 at 7:00 at HMMS. Lastly, the FEF Wizards game is on November 22 held at Tri County. It promises to be another exciting game. We acknowledge the support FEF has given us over the years.

Dr. Bergen - Any questions?

Ms. Scofield - On this list of parent education evenings, what happened to homework policy?

Dr. Ahern - We don't have anything scheduled.

Dr. Bergen - We do have a list of presentations coming in January.

Mr. Keenan - The MASC conference, do they have documentation on all the breakouts?

Dr. Ahern - I can look into that and find out.

Mr. Keenan - Do you know why they time it the way they do?

Dr. Ahern - It is a bit awkward.

Ms. Scofield - Most town elections are held in the spring. Franklin does it in the fall.

Mr. Keenan - Ok. would they be open to the idea of pushing it back?

Dr. Ahern - It has been so long that it has been this time of year, but I would be happy to ask.

Dr. Bergen - Any other questions?

## **2. Guests / Presentations - none**

## **3. Discussion / Action Items**

### **A. Policy – 2nd Reading**

I recommend adoption of the following policies as discussed:

- a) KF – Community Use of School Facilities
- b) KF – E1 – Rules and Regulations

c) KF – E2 – FHS Building Use

d) KF – E4 – FHS Fee Schedule

Dr. Ahern - The policy is for the use of school facilities.

Dr. Bergen - This is the second reading. If you have questions.

Ms. D'Angelo - On the final page, the hourly rate for staff, so based on contract rates, where do they come from?

Dr. Ahern - They are standardized.

Mrs. Goodman - Those are based on custodial contract and the cafeteria staff has a different rates, the rates here are not exact.

Ms. D'Angelo - They would fall in the contract?

Mrs. Goodman - Yes.

Ms. D'Angelo - Why wouldn't we note that?

Mrs. Goodman - Because the contracts move.

Ms. D'Angelo - How did that come about?

Ms. Scofield - It states it is an estimate.

Ms. Solares- It is a ball park.

Mrs. Goodman - It gives you an idea on how much you might spend.

Ms. D'Angelo - It is not a rate chart?

Mrs. Goodman - No.

Dr. Bergen - Any further questions?

Motion: Ms. Scofield  
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Spicer  
Oppose: 0

#### **4. Discussion Only Items - None**

#### **5. Information Matters**

a. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports (e.g. Budget; Community Relations; Policy; Transportation; Public Schools Advocacy)

b. School Committee Liaison Reports (e.g. Joint PCC; Substance Abuse Task Force; School Wellness Advisory Council [SWAC]; , MASC)

#### **Dr. Bergen gave a brief overview of the sub committees.**

**BUDGET** Dr Bergen - We will set this up and begin working with the Superintendent and the administration team.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS** - We want two-way communication; coffee hours; public events; newsletters and setting up parent forums.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY** It would be good to have a team go to this each year.

**POLICY** Mrs. Scofield - One of the most exciting committees. We go over the manual and update it. We meet once per month

**JOINT PCC** - These are once per month and you meet with the PCC Chairs and the Superintendent. We will meet next on November 19.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE** - Mr. Giguere is leading this. We will meet every month

**SCHOOL WELLNESS** - We meet 5 to 6 times per year.

**AD HOC** - We do a Superintendent evaluation.

**TRANSPORTATION** - This doesn't meet that often.

Mr. Keenan - Is there a list to make sure we didn't miss any of these?

Dr. Ahern - We will need to update the website with these committees.

Dr. Bergen - We combined some of them .

Mr. Keenan- The substance abuse one is not there.

Dr. Ahern - The liasion, is that one?

Dr. Bergen - Please email me to get more information. We will get these going as soon as possible.

Mr. Keenan - Some are more intense as I am looking at them. How many is too many to bite off?

Dr. Bergen - Think about your life balance it. The budget committee meets frequently. Then the others may not meet as much. Please figure it out and make sure you can manage.

Ms. Solares - The union negotiations?

Dr. Bergen - We will be renegotiating all the contracts. The ESPs and the teachers will be long. Traditionally some will take less time. We will guide you on those.

Ms. Solares - Are they separate?

Dr. Bergen - Yes, they are.

Ms. Scofield - There are 3 committee members on each, so if you can't make it, there is someone that will be there.

Dr. Ahern - If I may jump in, we will have 5 units to negotiate. The teachers and ESPs will be more time. The others won't be as long.

Dr. Bergen - Any more questions?

## 6. New Business

a. To discuss any future agenda items

Dr. Ahern - We will have school finances to discuss. We will have capital requests and go over them.

I would like to share survey results possible for next time; only have the preliminary data now and awaiting release of 'final' data; if not ready, this will slide to a future meeting; survey covers cultural climate of school from 4, 5, 8, and 10 grader perspectives.

## 7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 29, 2019 School Committee meeting as detailed.

separated from other items on the consent agenda as only two members were present

Motion: Dr. Bergen                      Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 2                                      Opposed: 0

2-0-5 (2 for, none against, 5 abstained)

B. Athletics Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,734.00 from Five Star Franchises, LLC (Jersey Mike's) for FHS Athletics Department as detailed.

C. Parmenter Gift



I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,051.30 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips as detailed.

**D. Keller Gift**

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,700.58 from O'Connor Studios for supplemental supplies at Keller Elementary School as detailed.

**E. Scholarship**

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$10,000.00 from the John C & Eunice B Morrison Charitable Foundation for a Scholarship as detailed.

Motion for all: Ms. Scofield  
Approve: 7

Second: Ms. Spicer  
Oppose: 0

**8. Payment of Bills - Will go over at next meeting**

**9. Payroll - Will go over at next meeting**

**10. Adjournment at 7:44 pm**

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Jennifer D'Angelo and seconded by Tim Keenan (7-0-0).  
All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

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Current-KF – Community Use of School Facilities.pdf

Current-KF-E1 – Rules and Regulations.pdf

Current-KF-E2 FHS Building Use.pdf

Current-KF-E4 – FHS Facilities Rental Fee Schedule.pdf

Discussion Action A – Policy.pdf

Consent Action A – Minutes.pdf

Consent Action B – Athletics gift.pdf

Consent Action C – Parm Gift.pdf

Consent Action D – Keller Gift.pdf

Consent Action E – Scholarship.pdf

NEW-FPS Summary & Sign Off 111219.pdf

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SCWarrant103119.pdf

Payroll Warrant #2009 Summary.pdf

Payroll Warrant #2009.pdf

Enrollmentcompare-Oct2018-Oct2019.pdf

Pledge Student.pdf