

Franklin School Committee

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AGENDA

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Meeting are recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29

Peter Fasciano of Franklin TV was located at Franklin TV
No one present from the Milford Daily News

Moment of Silence

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Dr. Bergen

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

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FINAL

Franklin High School Representatives Present: Dan Harrington; Brianna Atwood and Chorr-Kin Chin; Adam Gendreau

Roll Call for 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

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 - none

d. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ahern shared that there is not an update on the closure of schools but we are tweaking some of the programs. We are strengthening the program per DESE and that we are focusing on Core instruction, ensuring programs are accessible. She also stated as per DESE we are collecting information on engagement from the students. She explained that students can connect with educators during the week. She also would like to encourage face to face connecting with staff and students.

Dr. Ahern also shared some of the district wide trends.

Dr. Ahern announced the Leap into Kindergarten will be next week and the staff will put together a program for the new families. This presentation will be held virtually and we will live stream the presentation. She also shared that they developed an online registration system for new families.

Lastly she announced the Hockomock awards and we have two outstanding athletes who also balance a demanding academic schedule along with participation in athletics as well as many extra-curricular activities during their high school career. We are very proud of their accomplishments! Sarah Spanek Sport: Cross Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track Future Plans: Connecticut College; Rohan Herur Sport: Indoor Track, Tennis Future Plans: Johns Hopkins University.

2. Guests/Presentations

A. Videos from FHS: Senior Boys:

Senior Boys: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6CYmDrTWxE>

Unified Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSgg6RDHcd8>

B. Class of 2020 Commencement, Paul Peri and Bill Klements, Franklin High School

The 2020 Class Officers were present: Dan Harrington, Chorr-Kin, Bre Atwood and Adam Gendreau .

Mr. Peri was excited to have Dan Harrington and Chorr-Kin to help with this presentation. We have been meeting with various groups to hold a graduation ceremony never seen before.

Dan spoke about the graduation plan for the class of 2020.

Chorr-Kin spoke about wanting feedback from the School Committee.

Mr. Peri described how they have had many meetings on how graduation will look like and have been collecting data from various groups throughout the community as well as across the country. We are trying to make celebrations work with the pandemic happening. He recognized the emotions of the seniors, parents, siblings and the community can be quite challenging.

Dan described the virtual graduation as a parade with 3 routes throughout Franklin starting at the 3 middle schools and starting lining up for a Parade of Seniors in the car with their families.

Chorr-Kin said they will be working out all the details. The parade offers community unity and wants to include all the students and it will provide each student their own moment. We will play the anthem, have speeches and videos.

Mr. Peri showed the routes on one of the slides. He explained that all the speeches will be pre recorded and ready to go. It will look like graduation only done with video. He showed how Milton High is doing theirs.

Ms. Spencer asked if the families will be in the car with the graduates?

Mr. Peri thought that would be a great family moment to include them as well.

Mr. Keenan reflected that he hopes community members will participate. He asked if a local radio channel could announce the graduates.

Mr. Peri said we are considering that.

Mr. Faciano stated that Franklin TV will be doing all the video and audio. He suggested that graduates film from their car to get their prospective and they will integrate the videos into the final video.

Ms. Grady stated that the FEA will help out with graduation.

Mr. Peri stated that tonight is just the beginning and will polish and finalize the ideas and will communicate the final plan with the entire community.

Mr. Rivera asked about the line up and what was the 10% of students on the slide.

Dan explained that those are the top ten students of the class of 2020.

Dr. Ahern stated that there is a limit to the ZOOM account of 100 participants. Please email me directly and I will be checking the email.

C. Facilities Study - Craig Olsen and Brian Solywoda, Kaestle Boos Associates

Dr. Ahern introduced Mr. Olsen and Mr. Solywoda to share information regarding the facility analysis and school capacity assessment.

Mr. Olsen introduced himself and what the process looks like.

They share a presentation, here are some highlights:

Quantitative

- Identify existing room inventor
- Analyze current capacity and utilization
- Analyze capacity and utilization based on project 2030 enrollment

Qualitative

- Evaluate Current Educational Adequacy
- Review Opportunities for Enhancement

Capacity

- Building capacity total capacity with all spaced used 100% of the time
- Functional capacity total capacity with all spaces used based on a utilization factor

Mr. Olsen proceeded to explain that they took inventory of each school's classrooms and how they are used. He also explained the utilization summary.

Develop multiple solutions

- Address low utilization rates
- Proved opportunities for enhancement of educations environment
- Consider fiscally responsible solutions

Prepare a report

- Summarize finding
- Provide recommendation

Mr. Keenan asked about the model: does it allow for scenario planning in terms of classroom size going forward due to what is currently happening? Will that be worked in?

Mr. Olsen said it is yes and no. We can change the population of the classroom and look into social distancing. We can provide that information.

Ms. Scofield asked about the square footage requirements, and that keeps going up, can you comment on how square footage has increased.

Mr. Olsen said that the square feet has increased with the new classrooms and break out into groups for learning.

Ms. D'Angelo asked about compliance with ADA?

Mr. Olsen stated that they do look at accessibility.

Ms. Spencer asked about 21st Century learning and how it increases the square foot per classroom?

Mr. Olsen replied that the footage does increase over time.

Ms. Spencer could you explain about safety at Davis Thayer.

Mr. Olsen stated he did not want to alarm people, it is because it is close to the street and not a great parent drop off situation.

Ms. Pond-Pfeffer stated that the schools were built with the standards of that particular time, and that is how they were built. They all seem adequate at that time, wouldn't all the schools be behind?

Mr. Olsen agreed but they are looking to relocate the school space. Those standards could and will change.

Ms. Spencer asked if June will be the date for the rest of the presentation?

Mr. Olsen stated that they will have another report at that time.

Dr. Ahern explained that there will be meetings and more analysis that will need to be done and we are anticipating June will be the final presentation.

3. Discussion / Action Items

A. School Choice Vote

I recommend not accepting any new school choice students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
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. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

B. Refunds of Fees due to COVID-19 Closure

I recommend that the School Committee refund fees for select programs as detailed.

Spring Sports Fees for 2020 Transportation Fees to Seniors by \$35

Lifelong Learning Solutions fees since March 13, 2020 and summer fees if programs are cancelled

Lunch balances over \$10 to seniors, unless families transfer funds to younger siblings

Motion: 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. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

C. Policy - 2nd Reading/Adoption I recommend adoption of the following policies as detailed; JFABD (New) – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services JFABF – Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care JBB – (New) – Educational Equity

Motion: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
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. Scofield - Yes; Dr. Anne Bergen - Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer - Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes - Yes

D. Policy - 1st Reading I recommend moving the following policies to a second reading as detailed: EBAB (New) - Pest Management EBC - Emergency Plans

Motion: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Approve: 7

Second: Mr. Keenan
Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote: 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

E. Adjusted School Calendar I recommend adjusting the 2019-2020 School Calendar so that the May 8, 2020 professional half-day is adjusted to be Friday, May 22, 2020

Motion: Ms. Pond-Pfeffer
Approve: 7

Second: Mr. Keenan
Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote: 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

4. Discussion Only Items

A. FY21 Budget Discussion

Dr. Ahern shared the analysis with the budget sub committee and some of the items would be anticipated expenses of FY 2020. She shared the updated budget figures and will be applying revolving funds for next year. We anticipate that bus transportation will be reduced. We are negotiating a new WiFi company. She spoke about looking at different cost centers and how to reduce them. She stated that COVID relief will provide FPS with \$120,000 and will use that for FY 2021. This will reduce the budget by \$712,000 with the changes as stated.

Mr. Keenan spoke about looking at changes that could be happening with COVID and what changes will need to be done. He stated that looking creatively will help to reduce expenses.

Dr. Bergen asked about the process and the cuts that may need to be made.

Dr. Ahern stated that the leadership team will be looking closely as to what is happening as we open back up. She anticipates further discussions about the budget.

Dr. Ahern answered the question about professional development and reducing those costs as well and looking to decrease that line item.

Ms. Stokes asked about the REACH program director and what will happen with that, this seems to be a position that may need to be filled. We don't want to increase the out of district budget line item. What is the best way to meet these students' needs?

Ms. D'Angelo stated that they looked at defining the roles and we looked at the duties of existing administrators and what that looks like. We want to make it least impactful for students.

Dr. Bergen stated that the REACH program takes a lot of energy and time to run that program and teach those students. It needs a lot of coordination.

Dr. Ahern stated that the questions are helpful.

From the chats: Many schools are buying masks, are we doing that?

Dr. Ahern stated we are looking at PPE for the fall.

Ms. Stokes asked about the transition specialist position and feel like this is a good position to keep for the students. The stakes are high for these students and helping them succeed. What would the alternative be for this?

Ms. Spencer spoke about the budget and how this is updated?

Dr. Ahern said these are suggestions for the School Committee to look at. She reflected on what Elise was saying about those two positions and how they are needed for the students but when talking budgets there are some unmet needs that we need to address.

B. Draft School Committee Schedule

Dr. Ahern presented the schedule for the School Committee.

Ms. Stokes asked about making an exception to any of the dates.

Dr. Ahern stated that they are not voting on this tonight.

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)

BUDGET Dr. Bergen, Mr. Keenan and Ms. D'Angelo - Met on 5/4, will be looking at capital items

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Dr. Bergen - No meeting scheduled.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVOCACY Dr. Bergen - No report

POLICY Mrs. Scofield, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes- Next meeting on May 13

JOINT PCC - Ms. Pond-Pfeffer - Met on May 11

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Dr. Bergen, Ms. D'Angelo, Mr. Giguere - Final meeting will be May 26. New goals will be proposed for next year.

SCHOOL WELLNESS - Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes - Will have a final meeting and will be looking at goals for next year.

AD HOC DAVIS THAYER FACILITY Ms. Stokes, Ms. Pond-Pfeffer, Ms. Scofield- Next meeting is May 21

TRANSPORTATION - Mr. Keenan, Dr. Bergen, Ms. Scofield - no reports

AD HOC SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Bergen - We will look at Dr. Ahern's goals which will be adjusted due the pandemic.

6. New Business

Roll Call Vote to end school committee meeting and go into Executive Session: 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

11. Adjournment at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Simon

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