

FRANKLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: 10.11.23
Franklin Elementary School Cafeteria or via Zoom
7:00pm

The Mission of Franklin School is to provide a safe, nurturing, inspiring, and engaging environment through diverse learning experiences. Students are empowered to become creative, self-confident thinkers, problem solvers, communicators, and collaborators who embrace life-long learning and become compassionate contributors to global society.

Members Present: Scott Tracey, Amy Konow, Russ Stockton, Kelsey Malik-Adrian (via Zoom), Judi Novosad (via Zoom), Bruce Brouley (via Zoom)

Members Not Present: Jenny Petrario

1. Call to Order: Chairman Tracey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Recognition of Visitors: Chairman Tracey welcomed everyone.
3. Additions to Agenda by Board Members:
S. Tracey motioned to move Items 10.1 to 5a and 9.2 to 5b. Seconded by R. Stockton; MOTION PASSED - Unanimous.
4. Approval of Minutes:
J. Novosad motioned to approve the minutes of September 13, 2023, Regular Meeting, Seconded by R. Stockton; MOTION PASSED - Unanimous.
5. 2023-2026 Strategic Plan Status - Latest Status by Superintendent
 - CURRICULUM: FES students will become self-directed learners through curriculum that emphasizes project-based learning that is grounded in Personalization, Relevancy, Inquiry, and Hands-on Learning; by developing and implementing a meaningful, articulated curriculum, our students will be able to achieve important academic and transferable skills.
 - INSTRUCTION: FES will inspire learning through the implementation of an innovative learning design that is measured by performance-based assessments; by supporting the development and use of effective, purposeful instructional strategies, our students will continue to grow academically and socially.
 - INFRASTRUCTURE: FES facility will meet the 21st-century demands of teaching and learning; by creating a strong infrastructure to support learning, Franklin students and staff will continue to thrive.
5. 2023-2026 Strategic Plan Status - Latest Status by Superintendent
 - a. High School Presentation - Norwich Free Academy Presentation by Dr. Nate Quesnel.
 - b. Grade 8 Washington DC Proposal by Class of 2024 Officers: Malik-Adrian motioned to allow the 8th Grade Class of 2024 to travel to Washington DC (May 28th - May 31st. Seconded by R. Stockton. MOTION PASSED - Unanimous.
6. Old Business: None

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7. Correspondence: None
8. Administration and Committee Reports Requiring Board Action: None
9. Superintendent/Principal Report
 - 9.1 Introduction of new staff: Mr. Keith introduced in person Security Officer Liz Smith, art teacher Olivia Okonut, paraprofessional Mikayla Kowolsy, and via Zoom, paraprofessional Janine Cone.
 - 9.2 Grade 8 Washington DC Proposal, Possible Action - Discussed earlier
10. New Business
 - 10.1 High School Presentation - Norwich Free Academy, Dr. Nate Quesnel, Presentations.
 - 10.2 2023-2024 Franklin Board of Education Goals - First Read, Possible Action: Mr. Keith shared a document with the goals. Chairman Tracet asked the BoE to review and share their input at the next meeting.
 - 10.3 2023 Smarter Balanced Assessment Report: Mr. Keith shared a document of percentile scores of FES and the NFA feeder schools.
11. Committee Reports
 - 11.1 Chairman: New Members selected in November following elections: Chairman Tracey corrected the month to December.
 - 11.2 Relations and Information: J. Novosad informed all that a committee is being formed for the 250 anniversary of America's Independence in our area and welcomed all to participate. J. Novosad also reminded all about the publication of the Franklin Life monthly newsletter, welcoming submissions from all community groups by the 15th of every month.
 - 11.3 Technology: None
 - 11.4 Finance
 - a. Select committee members and meeting times: Postponed until the election of new members
 - 11.5 Curriculum
 - a. See Curriculum in the Superintendent's Report
 - 11.6 Policy
 - a. Proposed Policy, 5142.41 - Armed Security Officer (ASO) CAFE PROVIDED - Second Read, Possible Action; Amy Konow motioned to approve 55142.41 a. R. Stockton seconded the motion; MOTION PASSED. Unanimous.

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- b. Proposed Policy Procedure, 5142.41 - Armed Security Officer (ASO) CAFE PROVIDED - First Read, Possible Action: No action taken. Mr. Keith will get clarification on PMT training/ contact. J. Novosad inquired about a more formal uniform and a stipend for them, including footwear. Mr. Keith informed all that the uniforms were based on the uniform attire to align with other local schools in CT schools that also have an Armed Security Officer. Chairman Tracey mentioned the importance of the uniform blending-in to a school environment.
- c. Select committee members and meeting times: Postponed until new Board Members are elected.

11.7 Building Committee

- a. Propose a building committee to collaborate in upgrading the school building and grounds needs, including the science and STEM lab upgrades. Mr. Keith recommended visiting area schools starting in January.

- 12. Informational Inquiries by Board Members: None.
- 13. Informational Inquiries by Staff and Public: None.
- 14. Next Meeting Date: November 8, 2023
- 15. Adjournment: R. Stockton motioned to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. B. Bouley seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED. Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted
Kristina Gregory
BoE Secretary