Franklin School Committee
June 9, 2026
Municipal Building – Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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At 7:00pm, Dr. Griffith called the meeting to order. He said at the conclusion of the meeting they will be adjourning to Executive Session and not returning to Open Meeting.

Roll Call attendance was: Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Dr. Paul Griffith-Yes; Mr. H. Reis Hansen-Yes; Mr. Stephen Karunakaran-Yes; Ms. Nadia Mausolf-Yes; Ms. Ruthann O'Sullivan-No

Also in attendance was: Mr. Lucas Giguere; Ms. Paula Marano; Dr. Tina Rogers; Ms. Jana Melotti

Announcements from the Chair

Pledge of Allegiance

Weslie Klein is a student in Ms. Elizabeth's class at the Oak Street ECDC. She has been a student at the ECDC for 2 years, and is getting ready to head off to Kindergarten next year at the Washington K-2 campus. Weslie is an outgoing, friendly, and enthusiastic member of our school community who always loves to engage with adults and classmates alike. She is such a wonderful friend to the classmates from her STAR Partner class. Her favorite things to do at school are spending time on the playground, doing art projects, music, and dancing. Weslie has also been a recipient of an ECDC "Good News Call of the Day" where she was recognized for being a great friend. We are so lucky to have her as part of our very special school community! Way to go, Weslie!

Moment of Silence

I. **Routine Business**

A. **Review of Agenda**

Ms. Mausolf made a motion to amend the order of the agenda to swap items II and III. It was seconded by Mr. Charles. This would move Citizen Comment to come before Guest Presentations.

Motion: Ms. Mausolf; Second: Mr. Charles
Approve: 6 Oppose: 0
Motion Carries 6-0 with 1 absent

B. **Payment of Bills -** reviewed and in order

C. **Payroll -** reviewed and in order

D. **FHS Student Representative Comments -** Ms. Callie Joyce and Mr. Shrivan Dev

Mr. Dev said registration is open for Summer Strength and Conditioning. He said there is a February break trip in the works to the Galapagos Islands and an April break trip in the works to Portugal. He noted that final exams run from 6/17-6/23. He said class elections were held yesterday.
Ms. Joyce said that Girl's Lacrosse and Softball made it to the playoffs. She said there are College Essay and Common App Bootcamp's running this summer for the Class of 2027. She noted that the Class of 2029 just finished their Biology MCAS.

Dr. Griffith asked for any questions or comments from the committee?
There were no questions.

E. **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Giguere said the graduation ceremony was great and they lucked out with the weather. He also gave a transportation update and said they have seen an uptick in bus registrations at FHS and FMS thanks to a communication that went out. He noted that Senator Becca Rausch has secured $60,000 from the FY27 Senate budget to support lighting upgrades in the FMS auditorium. He also recognized the Franklin Music Boosters for their fundraising campaign.
He noted that the Franklin Recreation Advisory Board recently voted to allocate $20,000 towards the signage project on Panther Way. He also gave an update to the Little Solutions Toddler Program and said enrollment is now open to the public. He noted that the Franklin Pathway Advisory Group held their first meeting at FHS. He said the last day of school is 6/25/26 and will be a half-day. The last day for Kindergarten is 6/24/26 and the last day for ECDC is 6/18/26.

Dr. Griffith asked for any questions or comments from the committee?

Mr. Callaghan asked when transportation closes?
Mr. Giguere replied 6/18/26.
He noted the importance of keeping students in district and watching them graduate last week.

Mr. Hansen spoke about the Scope document Mr. Boisvert put together for FMS work and wondered if the document has been shared?
Mr. Giguere noted that it was shared with the boosters and they are waiting for quotes to come back.

II. Citizen's Comment

Ms. Celia Courtright, 213 Peck Street
Ms. Courtright said she is president of the music boosters. She noted that they have received the phased approach document. She noted that a donor has recently agreed to match all donations going forward up to $25,000. She noted that so far they have raised $32,000.

Mr. Jamele Adams, no address provided
Mr. Adams noted the resources that are available to the community that help to support and help people and students to feel included.

III. Guests/Presentations

A. FPS Operations and Facilities Update - Mr. Colin Boisvert, Mr. Kevin Harn, Mr. Jon Eason

See presentation slides for detailed information

Mr. Boisvert spoke about the timeline for moving starting last July. He spoke about items moved/processed and Mr. Harn spoke about reorganization district projects. Mr. Boisvert noted that 356 rooms, offices, and spaces were moved.
Projects at ECDC Pond St. were discussed including new signage, fencing around playground and playground enhancements.
Projects at Lincoln St. were discussed including traffic line painting, and many interior projects. Mr. Harn noted that Lincoln St. and Washington St. had many similar projects. Mr. Boisvert also noted the playground expansion.
Projects at Washington St. were discussed including new signage and traffic lines, He spoke about Touchviews being moved around as a districtwide movement.
Projects at FMS were discussed including signage, traffic lines, outdoor field lighting, and locker installations.
Projects at FHS were discussed including LED field lighting upgrades parking and traffic line painting, turf field pad replacement and FHS visitor bleachers.
They discussed project funding sources such as Capital, donations, earmarks, Community Preservation Act, and Facilities/DPW/Food Service funding.
Mr. Boisvert and Mr. Harn spoke about current projects in the district and schoolwide.
Mr. Boisvert and Mr. Harn spoke about future projects in the district and schoolwide.

Dr. Griffith asked for any questions or comments from the committee?

Mr. Karunakaran asked what happens if they don’t get funding for some things?
Mr. Boisvert replied that it would create a more expensive project in the future with the conditions of the items getting worse.
Mr. Karunakaran asked what the facilities budget was for 25/26 and where do they stand now?

Mr. Harn noted that Facilities has about a 9 million budget and as of last week were just under 90%.
Mr. Karunakaran asked for a list of completed projects from 2025/2026 vs. what was planned for.
Dr. Griffith and Mr. Giguere noted that to their knowledge all of the proposed projects were completed.
Mr. Karunakaran asked what the fallback is on a server going down?
Mr. Harn said Franklin has two access control systems that mirror each other.
Mr. Karunakaran asked for an update on the BETA traffic pattern?
Mr. Boisvert replied that they did a traffic presentation during the reorganization. They are putting together a plan to present their recommendations.

Mr. Hansen noted his appreciation for Mr. Harn.

Ms. Mausolf said she appreciates all of the work their team has done.
She asked if they have a preliminary estimate on the media center cost at FMS?
Mr. Boisvert said not yet as they are still gathering input.
She asked about classroom infrastructure changes that are still needed?
Mr. Boisvert replied that during redistricting they created a priority list by highest Need. He said there are rooms still in need of different flooring at FMS. Mr. Harn spoke about the Phase I-III projects. Mr. Boisvert said there is a muli-year plan.
Ms. Mausolf asked what the biggest obstacle they came across this year during the move?
Mr. Harn noted any pivoting they needed to do.

Mr. Charles asked what the building management system does and what would an upgrade do?
Mr. Harn replied that they can get an overview of the rooms and be able to control temperature settings and boilers as well. For the upgrade, it is an older System.
Mr. Charles asked what the benefit is of doing boiler maintenance?
Mr. Harn noted that the boilers are down and they are doing a full replacement of the boiler tubes in all of the boilers.
Mr. Charles asked if chiller coils reference the cafeteria?
Mr. Harn replied it is for FHS and it is a microchiller coil which is an expensive repair or a need to replace.

Mr. Callaghan asked about removing lockers at FHS since they are not utilized?

Mr. Boisvert said they explored that option when they learned of the need at FMS but would result in additional work needed on the walls at FHS.
Mr. Giguere noted that they have considered removal but will stay for now due to cost.
Mr. Callaghan asked about the playground space at FMS and if it is being utilized?
Mr. Giguere noted that it gets utilized during football season and would be expensive to remove.
Mr. Callaghan noted that departments work hand in hand in town.

Dr. Griffith thanked them for their presentation and for all they do.

B. FPS District AI Committee Progress Update - Ms. Lizzie Morrison, Mr. Eric Stark, Dr. Tina Rogers
See presentation slides for detailed information

Dr. Rogers said they will be giving a progress update tonight. She noted that the committee began in February. She spoke about recent stakeholder input, noting 457 K-12 family survey responses were received, 146 educator survey response educators across all PK-12 buildings, and 27 students in 3 focus groups in grades 9-12. She shared data from all of the surveys.
Ms. Morrison and Mr. Stark spoke about their four guiding principles.

1. Human Connection
2. AI Literacy
3. Personal Accountability
4. Data Privacy & Security

They spoke about looking ahead at next steps for 2026/2027 which include: formation of AI guidance committee, student voice on the committee, parent engagement, district-wide professional development

Dr. Griffith asked for any questions or comments from the committee?

Mr. Hansen asked about the Kindergarten use of AI?
Ms. Morrison replied that it was piloted this year through a grant to target early Literacy through Project Read. She said they started this at Washington St. She said it is supplemental and will not replace the teacher.
He asked where they are at about what age to introduce AI tools and how to do so?

Dr. Rogers first replied about the Kindergarten AI tool and said that any student who uses the tool, they have been in contact with and agreed.
Dr. Rogers noted, in relation to student use, that they launch the year with staff using the four guiding principles along with guidance from the AI committee. She said right now there is not a specific grade level but guidance around use will speak to those guardrails.
Mr. Hansen noted that he has a lot of AI concerns and discussed why. He noted that normalizing the use of AI also comes with risks. He said he finds the four guiding principles helpful.

Ms. Mausolf said she also shares concerns around AI. She said she appreciates this work and the students will need barriers in place. She is also wondering about measuring the impacts on students over time.

Mr. Charles noted that partnering with other districts to navigate would probably help as well. He said they need to learn how AI is used at each level. Also, how are educators and staff using AI.

Mr. Karunakaran asked how many educators the survey was sent to?
Dr. Rogers replied it was about 800 people.
Mr. Karunakaran noted that the response percentage was very low.
He asked if there is any internet restriction around AI?
Dr. Rogers said it is currently open but they have the ability to restrict.
He spoke about implementing guardrails and if there was a plan?
Dr. Rogers replied and said they are having those conversations.

Mr. Callaghan said he appreciates the work the committee has done.

Dr. Griffith said he is looking forward to hearing more on this and also hearing from the community.
Dr. Rogers noted that they appreciate the feedback and input. They know what a heavy responsibility this is and are being deliberate with their actions.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. <u>ACCEPT Board Appointment</u>

I recommend the appointment of Superintendent Lucas Giguere to serve as the Franklin representative to the 2026-2027 ACCEPT Board of Directors as discussed.

Motion: Mr. Hansen; Second: Ms. Mausolf
Approve: 6 Oppose: 0
Motion Carries 6-0 with 1 absent

B. **Policy – 2nd Reading/Adoption**

I recommend the adoption of Policy IMGB – Therapy/Emotional Support Dogs as discussed.

Motion: Ms. Mausolf; Second: Mr. Hansen
Approve: 6 Oppose: 0
Motion Carries 6-0 with 1 absent

C. **Superintendent's Evaluation Report**

I recommend the approval of the Superintendent's Report as discussed.

Dr. Griffith said the committee received a copy of the evaluation report. He discussed the ratings in the report.

Mr. Karunakaran spoke about putting a timeline and numbers regarding the work. He also said they should compare Franklin with the Top 25 or 50 schools.

Mr. Hansen noted all Franklin gets with Mr. Giguere at the helm. He also made note that a community member brought to his attention that when an email is sent in the district with only an embedded link, it can make the email unsearchable.

Ms. Mausolf said she enjoyed reading everyone else's comments. She noted that Mr. Giguere is always professional and positive.

Mr. Charles said that Mr. Giguere has handled all that he has undertaken extremely well. He asked about getting a school committee provided goal for next year.

Mr. Callaghan said the district is extremely lucky to have him in Franklin.

Dr. Griffith noted that it is clear that Mr. Giguere takes the evaluation seriously.

Mr. Giguere thanked the committee for reviewing the evidence and noted the thought they put into the recommendations and commendations. He noted the leadership team and the systems in place. He said he takes all the recommendations seriously when setting next year's goals.

Motion: Mr. Callaghan; Second: Mr. Karunakaran
Approve: 6 Oppose: 0
Motion Carries 6-0 with 1 absent

V. **Discussion Only Items**

A. **Monthly Financial Report** - Mr. Charles thanked Ms. Melotti for the report.

VI. **Information Matters**

A. **School Committee Sub-Committee Reports**

1. **Budget** - Town Council will vote on the budget tomorrow
2. **Community Relations/Public Schools Advocacy Subcommittee -** Next meeting is 6/15/26; Strawberry Stroll on 6/12/26. He noted that Jack Marshall, FHS student, created this year's magnet they will be handing out.
3. **Horace Mann Legacy Subcommittee -** Put together a tri-fold about Horace Manns' legacy. The campus design team recently did a walk around the campus.
4. **Policy** - Met 6/9/26; may meet over the summer.
5. **Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee -** Vote was taken this evening.

B. **School Committee Liaison Reports**

1. **Joint PCC** - Many upcoming events for the end of the school year.
2. **Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force** - Last meeting was 5/27/26. He noted School Adjustment Counselor Rebecca Ballinger at Lincoln St. School has been working with 5th graders about online safety.
3. **School Wellness Advisory Council** - N/A

VI. **Consent Agenda**

A. **<u>Approval of Minutes</u>**

I recommend approval of the minutes from your May 26, 2026 meeting as detailed.

B. **<u>FHS Scholarship</u>**

I recommend the acceptance of $1000.00, a Fidelity Charitable donation honoring the Fernando P. Baglioni Memorial as detailed.

C. **<u>Lincoln 3-5 Gift</u>**

I recommend the acceptance of $2,972.72 from Shutterfly for supplemental supplies as detailed.

D. <u>FHS Gift</u>

I recommend the acceptance of $15.94 from Ohiopyle for supplemental supplies as detailed.

Motion: Mr. Hansen; Second: Ms. Mausolf
Approve: 6 Oppose: 0
Motion Carries 6-0 with 1 absent

VII. Good of the Order - N/A

VIII. New Business

To discuss any future agenda items

Mr. Giguere shared the following for the 6/23/26 meeting:

- Will need to meet if there are any changes to the budget based on the vote being taken on 6/10/26 at Town Council. Mr. Charles asked about discussing academic recognition. Mr. Giguere replied that they had to do some shifting but it will stay on the forefront for the fall.

IX. At 10:16pm, Dr. Griffith asked for a motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session

A. As per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 213. (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Roll Call Vote: Motion: Mr. Hansen; Second: Mr. Karunakaran
Mr. Stephen Karunakaran-Yes; H. Reis Hansen-Yes; Ms. Nadia Mausolf-Yes;
Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Mr. David Callaghan-Yes;
Dr. Paul Griffith-Yes; Ruthann O'Sullivan-Absent
Motion Carries 6-0 with 1 absent

X. Adjournment at 10:16pm

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Tocci, Secretary

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