

1 **FRAMINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
2 **Desmarais Room – King Administration Building – May 4, 2015**

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4 **Present**

5 Beverly Hugo, Chair  
6 Heather Connolly, Vice Chair  
7 Don Taggart III, Clerk  
8 Michelle Brosnahan  
9 Jim Kelly  
10 Dr. Eric Silverman  
11 Jim Stockless

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13 **Absent**

14 None

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16 **Also Present**

17 Dr. Stacy Scott, Superintendent  
18 Dr. Ed Gotgart, Chief Operating Officer  
19 Ricky Finlay, Precinct 3 Member, Stapleton parent  
20 Richard Weader, Precinct 4 Member, Chair of Standing Committee on Education  
21 Albert Roos, Precinct 15 Member  
22 Richard Barritz, Precinct 17 Member  
23 Dhruvha Sen, Standing Committee on Education  
24 Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer  
25 Dr. Grace Wai, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development  
26 Diane Modest, Director of Academic Supports  
27 Heather Rowlings, Walsh Middle School, Aspiring Leaders Academy  
28 Miria Benicio, Woodrow Wilson Elementary, Aspiring Leaders Academy  
29 George Carpenter, Director of Technology  
30 Diane Modest, Director of Academic Supports  
31 Tricia Simeone, Administrative Assistant

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33 **AGENDA**

- 34 I. Meeting with the Public  
35 II. FY16 Budget Overview  
36 III. Educational Operations Department Highlights  
37 A. Digital Learning and Technology  
38 IV. Superintendent's Report  
39 A. PARCC/MCAS  
40 V. Appointments to Boards, Committees and School Liaisons  
41 VI. Approval of Minutes  
42 A. April 27, 2015 Executive Session  
43 VII. Report of Committees  
44 A. Academic Data Dashboard  
45 B. Buildings & Grounds/Real Property Subcommittee  
46 C. Finance/Capital Budget Subcommittee  
47 D. District Wellness Committee  
48 E. MASC Legislative Liaison

- 49 F. Policy Subcommittee
- 50 G. Suburban Coalition
- 51 H. TEC Board of Directors
- 52 I. Delegate Assembly Resolution Task Force
- 53 J. Communications and Public Relations Task Force
- 54 K. Superintendent's Evaluation Task Force
- 55 VIII. Member Reports
- 56 IV. Bills and Payroll
- 57 X. Adjournment

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60 **ACTION**

61 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Beverly Hugo convened the School  
62 Committee with seven members present. The Chair apologized for the late start due to an  
63 executive session that previously met and the Chair read the executive agenda. The Chair  
64 announced that the meeting would be recorded and broadcast live with assistance from the  
65 School Committee's FHS-TV Producers and Framingham Access Cable. Ms. Hugo reviewed the  
66 items on the agenda for this evening.

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68 **I. MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC**

69 Chair Beverly Hugo noted that the first 15 minutes of every regularly scheduled meeting are  
70 reserved for members of the public who want to comment on a topic within the School  
71 Committee's purview.

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73 Ricky Finlay, Precinct 3 Member and Stapleton parent said he is a lifelong resident of  
74 Framingham and a neighborhood believer. He said that there have been a lot of problems at  
75 Stapleton since the behavioral program moved there and he is concerned that the entire  
76 program will be located there next year. Mr. Finlay said he believes the program should be held  
77 separate, just like SPED is held separate. He recognized the work of the wonderful Principal and  
78 Vice Principal and thanked Dr. Scott for selecting them. Mr. Finlay urged that they have a  
79 discussion with the SPED director about separating the program. He asked that the schools give  
80 Stapleton what they need and give the behavioral students what they need while at Stapleton.

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82 **II. FY16 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

83 Dr. Scott, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Edward Gotgart, Chief Operating Officer presented  
84 an overview of the FY16 School Department Budget. Ms. Hugo noted that Mary Ellen Kelly and  
85 Robert Halpin were unable to attend.

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87 Dr. Scott apologized to Town Meeting members for the absence of the Town leaders. Dr. Scott  
88 said the Committee is meeting with them at 8 AM on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 to continue to work  
89 on the final budget number. Dr. Scott said he will provide additional clarity on what they will  
90 present to the Town for a final number. The focus continues to build a quality district where  
91 student learning is the focus and there is a positive culture with high standards.

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93 Dr. Scott said there was very little movement for student performance in ELA and math during  
94 the 2011 SY. There were a lot of leadership changes and leadership absence was creating a

95 negative impact on the district. The state brought forth many of these concerns which has  
96 helped build the long-term plan that is now in place.

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98 In 2015, FHS moved from Level 3 to Level 1 and Barbieri moved from Level 3 to Level 2.  
99 Dunning maintained their Level 1 status. Through the Educational Operations Department, the  
100 curriculum has been developed in both math and ELA. The system rebuilt positions in Central  
101 Office and added assistant principals at all schools. Other changes include the comprehensive  
102 assessment plan, adopting the Massachusetts DESE supervision evaluation tool, and the  
103 expansion of offered services for students with disabilities, language learners and special  
104 education. Dr. Scott said that in spite of the \$1.6M budget gap, they hope to bring closure to  
105 the budget next month.

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107 Dr. Scott said the current student population is 8,373 and the annual rise is projected to be 60  
108 students per year, for several years. Dr. Scott listed the new student growth at several schools  
109 and noted that diversity is an important area in Framingham. The increase in new students  
110 with complex needs include those with traumatic experiences, recent immigrants, students  
111 with limited or interrupted formal education (SLIFE), and transient students. Dr. Scott detailed  
112 the increasing trend in Special Education students and said they are managing the amount of  
113 referrals. Dr. Scott said that by providing programs it allows the students to stay in the system  
114 and not be outplaced to other schools.

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116 Dr. Scott explained the FY15 budget proposal and stated that the schools had a final budget of  
117 \$110,985,437. The Town had a final budget of \$109,368,801 which created a \$1,616,626  
118 shortfall. The schools expected to take \$1.6M from several areas including Circuit Breaker,  
119 homeless transportation, FY14 Savings, and FY15 breakage. Unfortunately the schools did not  
120 receive all of their Circuit Breaker so a budget freeze was implemented in both FY14 and FY15.  
121 It was noted that they look to be on target for FY15.

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123 The FY16 impact is that by not adding the \$1.6M to the base in FY15, the level service was  
124 underfunded by this amount. Dr. Scott said the Town provides a 4% increase each year, to  
125 manage salaries and the Town's number includes COLA'S while the schools number does not.  
126 The schools FY16 proposed number is \$116,517,639 while the Town is at \$114,931,953. Dr.  
127 Scott noted there is an additional \$900K in staffing needs that have been put on hold. Dr. Scott  
128 said the Town is essentially carrying forward the deficit from last year while the school is trying  
129 to be moderate with their request of \$116.5M.

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131 Ms. Hugo asked that Dr. Scott go over the documents that the SC and Selectmen received. Dr.  
132 Scott said there are some documents referencing personnel changes and a lot of positions  
133 looked at in MUNIS are not actually new. Dr. Scott said that he has only added one person in  
134 the central office staff each year and any new administrative positions were funded through  
135 Town Meeting for the rebuilding the Central Office. Some positions that appear to be new are  
136 actually realignments from one school to another or were created due to replacement of staff  
137 members that left the district.

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139 Dr. Scott said his presentation will be placed online to help people sort through it and each item  
140 has a story behind it. Dr. Scott said the Gifted and Talented director had a name change and  
141 was realigned, and the department continues to grow by one position each year. There is one  
142 new SAGE position at the Middle School level but it may not happen, as it is a level 3 priority

143 request. Dr. Scott mentioned the hiring of a contractor, Amy Carrier, whose work built a  
144 partnership with Staples and opened dialogue with Boston College. It was a \$25K contract with  
145 \$6K in expenses. Dr. Scott said the Town asked that all consultants be moved over to positions.  
146 Dr. Scott added that contractors need to have an end date in MUNIS. (A copy of the  
147 PowerPoint presentation is on file in the School Committee office with the records of this  
148 meeting.)

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150 Ms. Hugo said the original document appeared to show 85 new positions while only 2 were  
151 new. Dr. Scott said the Town has received the updated information and they are working  
152 together to clarify the formulas that are used. Dr. Scott noted that there are 1,300 fulltime and  
153 700 part-time employees at FPS. Ms. Hugo said the \$114.5M budget number number was  
154 given in October and she asked if it was given prior to the Town receiving the schools data. Dr.  
155 Scott said that early in the year, it is a best guess projection and those numbers have held in the  
156 past. Dr. Gotgart said the October number is a formula driven projection with the previous FY  
157 numbers projected forward. The schools current numbers are actual and experienced.

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159 Ms. Brosnahan asked about the line items and the incorrect use of titles that need to be  
160 addressed. Dr. Scott said the documents are not pulled directly from MUNIS. Ms. Brosnahan  
161 said the low-income trend and homeless trend are all students with special needs and not the  
162 average student who will fit in the 4%. She noted that a lot of transfers are coming in with a  
163 lower education level than where they should be. Ms. Brosnahan said sending students out of  
164 the district is worrisome due to the cost of sustaining it as a seat for one special needs child is  
165 over \$800. Ms. Brosnahan said there are a lot of costs behind all the paperwork for incoming  
166 and exiting students, and the budget is not going to support the general needs of the students.  
167 Dr. Scott said McKinney Vento will cover the needs of homeless students and he noted that the  
168 SLIFE students do not have a fully developed program. Dr. Scott said that Framingham does a  
169 good job at creating programs to save money in the long run.

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171 Ms. Hugo noted that the House budget number for Chapter 70 is a \$108.2M increase,  
172 unrestricted aid is \$134M, Circuit Breaker is \$261M, and Charter School Reimbursement went  
173 down while Homelessness Reimbursement stayed the same. Ms. Hugo said with conservative  
174 House numbers, there will be a large infusion of money into Framingham. Dr. Scott said the  
175 funds for Framingham is around \$4M but is still underfunded by \$1.5M. A lot of the funding the  
176 Town receives goes to fund other areas of concern and not necessarily the school gap/budget.  
177 Mr. Kelly said the money from the state is coming; it is just a matter of choice as to how it is  
178 distributed. Dr. Gotgart said the Town Manager and Selectmen have a model that projects the  
179 funds out to the Town. Dr. Scott said the Town is trying to fit together the pieces to a tough  
180 puzzle and he can only guess what the Town will put on the table in the future.

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182 Ms. Brosnahan said that keeping the schools excellent keeps the property values up. She urges  
183 people to think about the value of their home/property when considering the budget. Ms.  
184 Hugo added that several Town Committees did not vote for the schools budget number and  
185 they need to stand up for Framingham and do what is right.

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187 Ricky Finlay, Precinct 3 Member said technology is a concern. Previously being on the SC, they  
188 invested a lot of money in technology through a four-year plan. Mr. Finlay asked for an update  
189 on that plan and if the SC is putting money into the technology budget moving forward. He said

190 the technology is funneling out and is making a difference in the children's future. Mr. Finley  
191 said it is important that a SC member give a presentation to the Town to show some unity.

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193 Dr. Scott said there is \$2.4M in technology requests and half of that is in the Capital Budget  
194 recommendation. The school is looking to use this money for Chromebooks and a steady  
195 stream of resources. There is also a need for the replacement of teachers' computers,  
196 infrastructure changes, and upgrades that are needed in preparation of online assessments.

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198 Richard Weader, Precinct 4 Member, Chair of Standing Committee on Education and Clerk of  
199 Capital Budget Committee provided his personal opinion. He said that it is important to expand  
200 the outlook of the current budget. The previous SY additions were covered by Chapter 70  
201 funding while this year it is a lot different due to the drop in Chapter 70 aid. Mr. Weader said  
202 the school budget has, in the past, included the health insurance plan. He is worried that the  
203 Town has been use to the state paying for these increases.

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205 Dr. Scott said they are projecting 75% of the Chapter 70 funds from the Senate and the House.  
206 Dr. Scott said that Mr. Weader is correct in what he says. Dr. Scott noted that the Town  
207 digested \$700K last year, when funding did not come in from Circuit Breaker.

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209 Albert Roos, Precinct 15 Member said he became a Town meeting member to support the  
210 schools, as he is a former FHS teacher. He agrees that the property values are high due to the  
211 good schools and this is why people move to the Towns that they do. Mr. Roos said that they  
212 have a Town responsibility to educate the children and if it takes more money, it should be  
213 spent, as the returns are phenomenal.

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215 Richard Barritz, Precinct 17 Member, asked how they can have a negative revenue number for  
216 Circuit Breaker. Dr. Scott said this is a negative receiving of their projection. The projection  
217 was put in the overall number of what they expected to receive and the net different was  
218 negative \$441K. Circuit Breaker did not fund \$300K of the projection and they short funded the  
219 schools \$141K. Ms. Hugo said a few years ago they had a low percentage and they urged  
220 people to go to the legislature to fully fund Circuit Breaker.

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222 Dhruvha Sen, Standing Committee on Education, asked how much money the school is looking  
223 for Town Meeting to approve and what the funds will be spent on. Dr. Scott said they are  
224 requesting \$116.5M and this includes \$81M for salaries, \$3.5 for additional salaries (i.e.  
225 substitutes and coaches), and \$28M for expenses (i.e. utilities). Dr. Scott said the Town is  
226 offering \$114.9M which is a different of \$1.6M. Ms. Hugo said this equals to an extra 63 cents  
227 per year, per household.

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229 Ms. Brosnahan said that there was a fourth level of needs and Dr. Scott said this is the  
230 additional \$900K. Ms. Hugo said the \$116.5M covers level 1-3 needs. Ms. Brosnahan said she  
231 wishes she could request \$117.4M for a budget, as teachers are personally purchasing supplies.

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233 Mr. Taggart said he hopes that the money from the Town comes. He was an educator for 40-  
234 years, a Town Meeting Member, and he has not forgotten where his roots are. Mr. Taggart said  
235 that the expanding and diverse population in Framingham requires a variety of resources. To  
236 keep students here, it costs money. Teachers are the most valuable assets and they deserve  
237 COLA's to show that their hard work is appreciated. He said they want an exciting school

238 district so people want to come here. Mr. Taggart said Town Meeting members have the final  
239 say and while there are misunderstood facts, there are no hidden items in the budget. He said  
240 they should be working towards the same thing; providing the highest education for students.

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### 242 **III. EDUCATIONS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 243 **A. Digital Learning and Technology**

244 Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer and Dr. Grace Wai, Director of Curriculum and  
245 Professional Development were present to speak to the School Committee about Digital  
246 Learning.

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248 Dr. Scott said the digital pathways are already being embarked on by the students. The  
249 presentation is a conceptual understanding on what it means to create a digital learning  
250 environment and how teachers teach. Dr. Scott said this is a multi-departmental project.

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252 Dr. Wai said the digital learning and technology follows Vision 20/20 and provides personalized  
253 learning for every student while meeting all socio-emotional needs. They have researched high  
254 quality curriculum to align the district in moving towards the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Dr. Diaz said this is  
255 “creating a pathway to a digital learning ecosystem where personalized instruction leads to all  
256 students being college and career ready”.

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258 Ms. Modest said it is important to strengthen tier one instruction and then provide tier 2 and 3  
259 interventions, as they want to meet the needs of the diverse learners. Dr. Wai said this is not  
260 an event but a journey that will take several years to put in place. Dr. Wai said Mr. Carpenter is  
261 going for the Capital Budget request of \$1.5M which will help support this mission.

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263 Dr. Wai said the challenge is shifts that include being smart consumers of information, and  
264 teaching practices of being a technical expert and facilitator. Dr. Diaz said another challenge is  
265 handling students with learning needs and providing content to support students at all levels.  
266 Dr. Wai detailed where they are and where they need to go. She said they need to be changing  
267 with technology.

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269 Dr. Wai presented an example of the current ecosystem at FPS and the current learning system  
270 of curriculum, management and assessment. Ms. Modest said that as they transition to digital  
271 conversion, they need to have an integrated system with data analysis to monitor achievement,  
272 support enrichment, and allow teachers to adjust instruction based on student needs. Dr. Wai  
273 said the integrated digital solution is to offer six areas to both teachers and students. Dr. Diaz  
274 said the ongoing analysis on student data is an integral process for teacher planning. The data  
275 teams continue to analyze different types of data to determine the structure of PD.

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277 Dr. Wai said they have several partners that include the curriculum management team, Aspiring  
278 Leaders Academy, and Educational Operations Staff. They identified 6<sup>th</sup> grade math as an area  
279 of challenge and began to collect additional data to provide to the principals and staff. Dr. Wai  
280 said in the future, they have target audiences that they need to be in contact with. Dr. Wai  
281 noted that they have signed on to be a future ready district and Dr. Diaz said this is a new effort  
282 to maximize digital learning opportunities. It will ensure that the local technology and digital  
283 learning align with best practices.

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285 Dr. Wai showed a list of future ready partners. Dr. Diaz noted that they will visit several schools  
286 that are immersed in digital learning to see the impact it has on student learning. Dr. Wai said  
287 they will also attend a Future Ready Summit where the group can help them anticipate some of  
288 the work that needs to be done so this is rolled out in a thoughtful way.

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290 Dr. Scott said these two opportunities are grant funded and by being future ready, vendors will  
291 discount products that they plan to use in the future. These strategic alliances will help with  
292 significant cost savings over the next few years. Dr. Diaz added that a part of the commitment  
293 is to foster a culture of digital learning, assist families, provide access to quality digital devices  
294 and content, and to mention other districts transform their own platforms. Dr. Wai said that  
295 they want to see deeper inquiry based learning, and higher graduation rates.

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297 Dr. Scott asked that the teachers each provide an example of how digital learning and  
298 technology is affecting the students and the implication it has on the kids.

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300 Miria Benicio, Woodrow Wilson Elementary 5th grade Portuguese teacher, said that she cannot  
301 forget the excitement of her students when President Obama was in the presidential election.  
302 The students had to write and give their own speeches after watching President Obama's  
303 speech online. One student told her that he heard Obama speak and got his ideas from  
304 listening. In regards to iExcel, Ms. Benicio said that the improvement is amazing and if they  
305 have internet access at home the students take time to use the program outside of school.

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307 Heather Rowlings, Walsh Middle School 8th grade teacher, said that Google Docs has changed  
308 the way she teaches and how her students write, think and discuss. They can collaborate  
309 online outside of the classroom and online/in person during class. Since everything is online,  
310 she can answer questions immediately, versus waiting until class Monday morning. The level of  
311 writing has increased and surpassed her expectations.

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313 Ms. Modest said they currently use a math program called TenMarks. If a teacher is teaching  
314 fractions, students can take a pre-test and results are given immediately. This indicates if  
315 students need review, practice, or challenge problems. Dr. Scott said that Ms. Modest  
316 continues to make sure the SAGE program stays strong. In regards to TenMarks, the HS  
317 teachers want more licenses to provide access to what they need to reach student targets. This  
318 can help personalize and individualize learning but has a software impact on the budget.

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320 Ms. Hugo thanked everyone for the presentation. Dr. Silverman said he agrees in cultivating  
321 greater support for the schools. He said digital learning is critical and anybody who  
322 understands how digital learning is changing the conceptualization of knowledge would say  
323 Framingham is doing a profound disservice to not promote all that they can. Dr. Silverman said  
324 these skills are essential for digital learning and literacy.

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326 Ms. Hugo asked Mr. Carpenter to state the top reason that shows how a classroom without  
327 technology compares to one with adequate technology. Mr. Carpenter said the only way to  
328 experience this is to walk through the schools and see it. He said that when a Chromebook cart  
329 goes into a classroom, the students eyes light up and they cannot wait to get one in their hands.

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331 Ms. Hugo asked how a classroom rich in technology could enhance the experience of ELL and  
332 SPED students. Dr. Wai said the real time assessments give data on where students are and

333 they can assign things on a student specific basis. Ms. Modest said that as they look at different  
334 online resources, they bring learning outside of the classroom. She added that a lot of  
335 resources have “amplifiers”. Dr. Wai said this is new territory and they can now find age  
336 appropriate content for each student’s level.

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338 Mr. Taggart said the exposure that kids have to technology is a great advantage. He hopes they  
339 can develop a class for those with little knowledge and include the SC in their target group.

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341 Mr. Stockless thanked the staff for their presentation. His kids went through the MS and it is  
342 hard for a teacher to differentiate instruction. This gives him hope that teachers will have an  
343 easier time with that.

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345 Dr. Silverman said they spent a lot of time going over the calendar this winter and moving  
346 forward school might not need to be hard, as students will have more continuous learning  
347 outside the classroom.

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349 Ms. Connolly asked how much time per day the elementary school students have with  
350 technology. Mr. Carpenter said they received 50 Chromebooks to share and they are being  
351 used all day. The computer lab is stationary while the Chromebooks can be distributed out.

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353 Ms. Brosnahan said her son uses iExcel every night and smiles while doing his homework. She  
354 asked how the Capital Budget will affect the program. Mr. Carpenter said it will be a reduction  
355 in devices.

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357 Ms. Hugo thanked the staff for their excellent presentation and the continued hard work. Dr.  
358 Scott said the presentation was extraordinary. He wants the community to know that this is  
359 the work that they do, and we need to advocate who we are and what we do. He said it is hard  
360 to organize the district around the MTSS and it is coming together through the coordination of  
361 Ms. Modest. Dr. Scott said Dr. Wai is helping to roll out additional curriculum and PD, and Dr.  
362 Diaz has 63 items on her project list that they go over on a weekly basis. Dr. Scott said these  
363 roles are distinct but well coordinated. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the  
364 School Committee office with the records of this meeting.)

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#### 366 **IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

##### 367 **A. PARCC/MCASS**

368 Dr. Scott said that he has written two recent articles around PARCC. The first article stated that  
369 the online assessment went well. The middle schools had relief for doing it online and they felt  
370 that the test was testing what they are learning. The second article detailed challenges they are  
371 facing. Dr. Scott said that many teachers reflected that the two-week testing schedule was  
372 difficult to manage, as it interrupts the regular flow of learning and is frustrating to staff. Dr.  
373 Scott said they are looking to downsize the amount of testing in the future.

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375 According to the teachers, Dr. Scott said PARCC is not connected to the standards students are  
376 learning. In math, it is more related to standards, but is not without challenges. In English  
377 Language Arts, the middle school would represent accurate materials but the grade level of the  
378 questions was inappropriate. Dr. Scott hopes the state will tend to these calibration issues as  
379 some of the things students are being asked to learn is in direct contrast to the test. He hopes



380 these dialogues will continue so that they can provide effect feedback to the State surrounding  
381 the assessment.

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383 Dr. Scott said there are some benefits with practice assessments. There is more practice and  
384 planning. The staff helps manage the process of the assessments. Dr. Scott said he recognizes  
385 that the state needs data for accountability but they need to protect time in the classroom.  
386 Ms. Hugo asked if a report is going to be sent to DESE and Dr. Scott said he is working on  
387 formulating his thoughts but will be sending a report to articulate their message to the state.

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389 **V. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND SCHOOL LIAISONS**  
390 Chair Hugo provided her final list of appointments to Boards, Committees and School Liaisons  
391 for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Hugo read the final list for the record and she stated that it  
392 will be placed on the SC website. (Note: A copy of the Chair's final list of appointments for the  
393 2015-2016 school year is on file in the School Committee office with the records of this  
394 meeting.)

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396 **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
397 **A. April 27, 2015 Executive Session**  
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399 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Brosnahan and seconded by Mr. Kelly that the School**  
400 **Committee approve the April 27, 2015 executive session minutes. Discussion: None.**  
401 **Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless**  
402 **and Mr. Taggart voting in favor; 7-0-0.**

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404 **VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**  
405 **A. Academic Data Dashboard**  
406 Ms. Hugo said the team will be announced on May 5, 2015. Dr. Scott noted that the in house  
407 team has been meeting and will share information with the Committee.

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409 **B. Buildings & Grounds/Real Property Subcommittee**  
410 Ms. Connolly said there was no report.

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412 **C. Finance/Capital Budget Subcommittee**  
413 Mr. Taggart said the next meeting is on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the  
414 Superintendent's Conference Room 103 at the King Building.

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416 **D. District Wellness Committee**  
417 Mr. Kelly said there was no report.

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419 **E. MASC Legislative Liaison**  
420 Ms. Hugo said that she and Mr. Stockless spent the day at the state house on April 29, 2015 and  
421 were given flashcards on legislation that MASC wants to work on this year. Ms. Hugo read a  
422 flashcard that pertained to a policy proposed by the Framingham School District regarding the  
423 approval of School Improvement Plans.

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425 **F. Policy Subcommittee**  
426 Ms. Brosnahan said they will be meeting next Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the  
427 Superintendent's Conference Room 103 at the King Building. She said that there are eight

428 policies that need to be discussed. After a little more research, they will prioritize the policies  
429 and involve all important stakeholders. Ms. Brosnahan noted that there is a lot of work to do.

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431 **G. Suburban Coalition**

432 Ms. Hugo said that there are no meetings to date but the Coalition recently started a Facebook  
433 page.

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435 **H. TEC Board of Directors**

436 Ms. Connolly said there is a meeting on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 8 a.m. in Walpole.

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438 **I. Delegate Assembly Resolution Task Force**

439 Ms. Hugo said they will have a report for the SC meeting of May 18, 2015 and they will be  
440 meeting prior to then.

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442 **J. Communications and Public Relations Task Force**

443 Mr. Stockless said the TF met concurrently. Ms. Hugo noted that the TF plans to give their  
444 presentation at the SC meeting of May 18, 2015.

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446 **K. Superintendent's Evaluation Task Force**

447 Ms. Brosnahan said there was no report.

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449 **VIII. MEMBER REPORTS**

450 Mr. Stockless said that in executive session they discussed the contract of the Chief Operating  
451 Officer and he asked if they can discuss it during open session. Ms. Hugo said that according to  
452 open meeting law they must report anything they will reasonably talk about. She said that in  
453 executive session they voted on the contract for the Chief Operating Officer to successfully  
454 close negotiations but they need a final vote in open session.

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456 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Brosnahan and seconded by Mr. Taggart that the School**  
457 **Committee approve the new contract for the Chief Operating Officer. Discussion: Ms.**  
458 **Hugo noted that there was no COLA or raise in the contract. Twenty professional**  
459 **development days were added instead. Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms.**  
460 **Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in favor; 7-0-0.**

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462 Ms. Brosnahan said she is glad that the SC got new emails and asked that people use her new  
463 one.

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465 Ms. Hugo said that Town Meeting has started and if members are available, she asked that they  
466 attend in case there are any questions for the Committee. Ms. Hugo wished Ms. Connolly a  
467 Happy Birthday and Ms. Connolly thanked Mr. Taggart for the birthday cake.

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469 **IX. BILLS AND PAYROLL**

470 The Chair asked members to remain after the meeting to review and sign warrants.

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472 **X. ADJOURNMENT**

473 The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

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475           **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Taggart and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan that the School**  
476           **Committee adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms.**  
477           **Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in**  
478           **favor; 7-0-0.**

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480       The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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482       *These minutes were approved by the Framingham School Committee at the meeting of May 18,*  
483       *2015.*

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485       *A copy of the minutes was forwarded to the Office of the Town Clerk on May 20, 2015.*

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487       **MEETING DOCUMENTS**

488       FY16 School Department Budget Request – Presentation

489       Pathways to Digital Learning – Presentation

490       April 27, 2015 Executive Session Minutes

491       Appointments to Boards, Committees and Liaisons – Finalized List