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2 **FRAMINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

3 KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Desmarais Room

4 February 2, 2016

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6 **Present:**

7 Ms. Hugo, Chair
8 Ms. Connolly, Vice Chair
9 Mr. Don Taggart, III, Clerk
10 Ms. Michelle Brosnahan
11 Mr. Jim Kelly
12 Dr. Eric Silverman
13 Mr. Jim Stockless

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15 **Absent:**

16 None

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18 **Also Present:**

19 Dr. Stacy L. Scott, Superintendent of Schools
20 Dr. Frank Tiano, Assistant Superintendent
21 Mr. Kevin King, Special Assistant to Superintendent
22 Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer
23 Dr. Edward Gotgart, Chief Operating Officer
24 Ms. Donna Wresinski, Fine and Performing Arts Department Head
25 Dr. Coretta McCarter, Director of Grants and Title I
26 Ms. Kate Fiori, Grants Financial Manager

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28 **Agenda:**

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44 D. Policy BHE – Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members
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48 IX. Reports
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51 ii. Policy – Ms. Michelle Brosnahan
52 iii. Buildings and Grounds/Real Property – Ms. Heather Connolly
53 B. Liaisons
54 i. MASC Legislative – Ms. Beverly Hugo
55 ii. Suburban Coalition – Ms. Beverly Hugo
56 iii. TEC Board of Directors – Ms. Heather Connolly

- 57 iv. Technology – Dr. Eric Silverman
 - 58 v. District Wellness – Mr. Jim Kelly
 - 59 C. Task Forces
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 - 63 X. Superintendent’s Report
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 - 70 XIV. Adjournment
 - 71 XV. Executive Session (if necessary for Collective Bargaining, litigation)
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74 **ACTION**

75 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Beverly Hugo convened the School Committee with
76 seven members present. Ms. Hugo reviewed the items that were addressed in Executive Session as
77 well as read the Open Session Meeting Agenda items. The Chair announced that the meeting would
78 be recorded and broadcast live with assistance from the School Committee’s FHS-TV Producers and
79 Framingham Access Cable. Ms. Hugo said that the Committee met in executive session prior to the
80 start of this meeting.

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82 **I. MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC**

83 Chair Beverly Hugo noted that the first 15 minutes of every regularly scheduled meeting are reserved
84 for members of the public who want to comment on a topic within the School Committee’s purview.
85 None.

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87 **II. RECOGNITIONS**

88 Ms. Hugo said the Framingham High School Robotics team will be recognized at the next meeting.
89 Dr. Scott read the names of the members of the FHS teams that were in the January 16th competition
90 and will move onto the finals. Two High School students were presented the US Presidential
91 Scholars award.

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93 **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

94 **A. District WIFI**

95 Mr. George Carpenter, Director of Technology, addressed the School Committee. Dr. Scott said the
96 Technology Office is moving to close some of the final gaps in the foundation and creating the kind of
97 security necessary to make services necessary. Mr. Carpenter said on January 14th public WIFI
98 access was turned off in the schools due negative impact to the network. The issue started on
99 January 7th when FPS received a denial of service attack. The internet pipe was being flooded with
100 traffic coming inbound. Mr. Carpenter contacted the ISP and they indicated there was excessive use
101 on that pipe. We were 100% over bandwidth capacity. The attacks stopped within a couple of hours.
102 Again on January 8th it returned and FPS had a second attack. The ISP indicated we needed to
103 make a decision. The Technology Department reset some configurations but when the attack
104 happened it had stopped service and no traffic was able to go out. He said that over the January 9-
105 10 weekend, there were no attacks. When we returned on Monday January 11th sometime in the
106 afternoon, the attacks began again. Again, we redirected the traffic and reset the configuration, he
107 said. The decision was made to eliminate anonymous clients, i.e., non-district provided devices. On
108 January 13th the decision was made to turn off internet traffic and to date public WIFI access is turned
109 off in all schools. FPS has not had an attack since that date. Moving forward, we will eliminate
110 anonymous clients and work with the ISP to see what we can do, he said. The intent is to put WIFI

111 back in the buildings to allow students and staff access to public and secured WIFI. The plan is to
112 allow bring-your-own-devices (BYOD) to use their authenticated credentials to gain access on FPS
113 WIFI. Those devices will be allowed access to the internet and will be able to use their browser.
114 FOS will continue to provide access to district owned devices. The next phase would be to provide
115 community access, limited and throttled service, to provide basic WIFI browser access using a pass-
116 key that staff will have at each individual school for any visitors and vendors in the building. The goal
117 has always been to provide secure access for district-owned devices. It is understood that students
118 and staff need WIFI, he said. It was never the intent to deny access but to provide a better secured
119 solution. As of today, we were able to take the BYOD policy and push it out to the lower area of the
120 High School, he said. Our goal is to push the BYOD wireless access out by February 12th, he said.
121 Dr. Silverman said it is a fairly comprehensive timeline and assumes it will be posted on the website.
122 He asked why certain information was not made public much earlier. Mr. Carpenter said you do not
123 advertise you are under a denial of service attack because it attracts copy-cats. It could be done for
124 money or for malicious intent and those attacks are hard to eliminate. Because of that, he chose not
125 to advertise that it was a denial of service attack. Ms. Brosnahan asked about BYOD. Mr. Carpenter
126 said they will use the FPS network through their individual credentials. Mr. Taggart asked to have a
127 copy of the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Carpenter agreed. Jake, a FHS student representative
128 asked why this plan was not the original plan. Mr. Carpenter said some of the WIFI was set up
129 already when he arrived and when we do projects we have to weigh the pros and cons to making
130 changes. What we saw over a period of time is that 60% of the devices using resources on our
131 network are personal devices. It was a significant increase in traffic and personal devices after the
132 December break. Dr. Scott said in the long-range plan the movement to BYOD was scheduled for
133 this fall so in September the process for credentialing was already scheduled. We know that we want
134 to support the students and staff using devices, he said. Dr. Silverman said there was some
135 discussion of convening a community wide technology committee. Mr. Carpenter said he would start
136 to put together a committee from the community to continue to discuss and better communicate the
137 usage of technology in the schools.

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139 Ms. Hugo said she was receiving calls about suggestions to fix the technology issue and asked if
140 there was a contact person. The staff and students know that there is a district “help desk” which can
141 be reached at helpdesk@framingham.k12.ma.us.

142 143 **B. FY17 Draft Operating Budget**

144 Ms. Hugo said the School Committee will have a Budget Workshop on February 9th in the Perini
145 Board Room. Dr. Scott said the operating budget timeline has been updated. Letters will be sent to
146 families indicating when the public hearing is on the budget and tours will be organized of school
147 buildings for town meeting members prior to Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held on March
148 8th. The School Committee will vote on the budget at the beginning of April. The Governor’s budget
149 will allow further insight as to where the state is going and there are positive signs that the Governor
150 will continue to support local aid.

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152 Dr. Scott said there will be challenging and difficult choices as we enter into the budget conversation.
153 The goal of the workshop and meetings is to give more detail behind the numbers to be able to
154 understand some of the drivers. He said administration is working to reduce the dollar amount from
155 the original request. He did state that the district expects to have a high volume of retirements next
156 year; orderly retirement notices are due on February 12th. There will be some reductions we are
157 looking for but there has been over 100 students registered within the last two weeks, he said. We
158 may need to have some difficult discussions about class size and some cost avoidance strategies.
159 The goal is to try to bring the number down as close as we can to the Town’s recommendation but we
160 recognize the natural challenges we have in increased growth and expenses, he stated. The salary
161 projections were done February 1st and we are beginning to imbed them into the budget for FY17. Dr.
162 Gotgart said we learned today that the kindergarten grant was in the Governor’s budget. Mr. Kelly
163 said it is important to point out that as we put this budget together, the misinterpretation by the
164 community is the town is the sole burden. Some funds come from the town but the State also

165 contributes. The assumption is that it is coming from the taxpayers. The state and the town support
166 the schools, he said. Dr. Gotgart said in the Governor's budget, Framingham will receive an increase
167 in Chapter 70 and it is important to remember that a piece of the funding is borne by the Chapter 70
168 formula which is derived from the numbers of students we had last year. He said that if the district is
169 looking at an \$8,000,000 increase, \$4,000,000 would be coming from the State. Ms. Brosnahan was
170 surprised at the numbers of new students still registering in Framingham. Dr. Scott said that in the fall,
171 we planned for a high volume influx of new students in January and those numbers are hitting the
172 target we were predicting. Ms. Hugo thanked the School Department, the Town, and colleagues on
173 the School Committee and the legislature for their work on increasing the Chapter 70 aid. Ms. Hugo
174 said that circuit breaker is level funded even though the Chapter 70 Review Commission said that
175 public education in Massachusetts is funded \$1-2,000,000,000 too low each year. Dr. Silverman said
176 there is an enormous amount of work that School Committee members do behind the scenes, working
177 with the governor's office, etc., in advocating for public education. He said Framingham is a large
178 district that is enormously complex, with multiple languages, multiple populations and 21st century
179 needs to provide a broad array of services in addition to pencils and textbooks. As a School
180 Committee, he said we have a moral obligation to advocate that we have the necessary tools to
181 educate our students. He encouraged the Superintendent, Dr. Gotgart, and all Committee members to
182 continue to advocate to do what is right by all students in the town. Ms. Hugo said she was sworn in
183 as a member of local government advisory committee, who meet with the Governor and Lt. Governor
184 for one hour, one day per month and the topic for next week is the FY17 State Budget and municipal
185 and school aid priorities.

187 **C. Fuller/Farley Project - Bethany Property**

188 Dr. Scott said the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has formally invited Framingham
189 into the eligibility process; there were 26 out of 96 districts that had applied this year. We formally
190 become eligible in May which begins the formal process, he said. Dr. Scott said there will be critical
191 targets that need to be met at every phase to make sure the project moves forward. The MSBA
192 expectation is that we deal with the primary problem we brought forward which was replacing the
193 Fuller Middle School. The building has been well maintained to allow its use until a new one is built
194 but it has reached the end of its useful life as a school building. Dr. Gotgart said he and Dr. Scott will
195 be attending an MSBA Program on Thursday, along with Chair Hugo, for a full-day presentation on
196 the building process. The Inspector General will also be there. Dr. Scott said the building process
197 gives us a chance to study and reflect on the program within the building. Ms. Hugo said a Buildings
198 and Grounds sub-committee has been called for that evening so we can inform them of the events of
199 the day with the MSBA.

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201 Dr. Scott said the Bethany property purchase was brought about by consensus on the part of officials
202 in the Town and FPS has embraced the possibility. That property has been on the radar of the town
203 20 years ago. Two years ago there were more formal conversations with the Town Manager
204 reviewing the long-term future of the town in an effort to balance the physical assets in the north with
205 the south side. The Town Manager did ask his departments to review parcels of property that might
206 be feasible as a school and the only piece of property, unencumbered by any challenges, was the
207 Bethany property, which is a unique and extraordinary parcel in town. Any property requires that the
208 seller and buyer come to an agreement on a price. In its current state, its asking price is higher than
209 we are considering or able or willing to pay at this time. It is also higher than the appraisal.
210 Negotiations are ongoing, Dr. Scott stated. The second area of focus is which parcel to pursue. The
211 initial conversation with the broker indicated the higher parcel, including the building, might be more
212 suitable to the School Department. However, the building is of no use to the School Department in its
213 current state and would need to be demolished which would further increase the cost of that parcel.
214 The property to the right of that parcel, with the slope down to the barn and another smaller building,
215 might be obtained for a more manageable price. At this point in time, Dr. Scott said the conclusion is
216 that it would be unwarranted to go forward with this to Town Meeting given the unknowns. He said he
217 would seek to withdraw the warrant article formally and he believed that the Town Manager was
218 making the same recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting this evening. He said

219 the Sisters of St. Joseph have been good partners in the conversation and he is hopeful that a
220 positive outcome can still be viable and it could go forward at the spring Town Meeting if warranted.
221 He attended the Real Property Committee meeting on Monday night and there is conversation out
222 there that more information is needed. While they have seen the environmental studies and the retail
223 values of the property, they have not seen any of the documents written by the School Department.
224 He said it is useful to have more time to provide people with all the documents available to be able to
225 digest all the work involved. He said it important to note that the MSBA process does not depend
226 upon the Bethany site. Dr. Gotgart said current state zoning laws require 16 acres to building a
227 middle school. For an elementary school, you would need 10 acres; 1 acre per 100 students. Ms.
228 Connolly asked what happens if a city or town does not have that much space. Dr. Gotgart said he
229 would assume there is an appeal process but he knows that when Wellesley wanted to build a new
230 school, they had to purchase some homes to be able to have the square footage they needed.
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232 **IV. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

233 **A. Fine and Performing Arts Department**

234 Ms. Donna Wresinski, Department Head for Fine and Performing Arts and Mr. Chris Brindley, Theatre
235 teacher at FHS addressed the Committee. Ms. Wresinski said grade 5 Band started 3 years ago and
236 since that time, 78% of students are enrolled. Drama classes have been added to Fuller and
237 Cameron Middle Schools; it has been at Walsh for 13 years. The Quaver Music program was
238 instituted as the K-5 Music curriculum and the students are having a wonderful time engaging in
239 music. It is a digital platform and they provide free professional development for the teachers. She
240 said she was proud of the professional development that they have been able to offer teachers in
241 world drumming, puppetry, making thinking visible, on-line TEC course for Special Education and ELL
242 license endorsement. Twelve new staff members have been added at the elementary school level for
243 music and art and to provide professional learning community time for all teachers over the past
244 several years. She said there are recorder lessons in grade 3 across the district and chorus in
245 several elementary schools. She said she would like to get a handle on the PTO sponsored musicals
246 or plays as it is not as equitable as it should or could be. Ms. Wresinski said last week the Lexington
247 Symphony was at Nevins Hall and 800 4th grade students attended. She said it is a wonderful
248 opportunity and encouraged Committee members to attend next year if they are able. There are 250
249 students at each middle school enrolled in band classes. Jazz band is at all 3 middle schools. Band,
250 Guitar classes, Jazz Workshops, AP Music Theory, Concert Choir and Madrigals are available at the
251 High School. The Show Choir meets every Friday at the HS and Fuller started a Show Choir which
252 rehearses on Wednesday mornings before school. The K-5 visual art curriculum is being written this
253 year and will be completed this summer. Teachers will be hosting a Teachers Art Show at the
254 Amazing Things Arts Center in March. Due to the main branch of the public library being closed, the
255 student art show was not able to be held as usual this year. At the 9-2 Scholastic Art Competition,
256 Framingham was awarded 16 awards, which is an increase of 3 over last year. Ms. Wresinski said a
257 contemporary crafts class was started this year.
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259 Mr. Brindley has served as producer for all 3 middle schools and is a graduate of FHS and now has
260 returned as a teacher in the district. This year there were 3 full scale musicals in succession at the
261 middle schools which was exciting he said. It created community among the students. Each of the
262 musicals had over 100 students involved in the cast and crew. They are all entered into the
263 Massachusetts Theatre Guild. Last year Walsh won first place in the State competition and Fuller took
264 home several awards. All 3 schools will participate in the One Act Festival that takes place in May.
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266 **B. Grants Development Office**

267 Dr. Coretta McCarter, Director of Grants and Title I, Ms. Kate Fiori, Grant Financial Manager and Mr.
268 Renan Cinheiro, Interim Administrative Assistant addressed the Committee. Dr. McCarter said the
269 Grants Development Office was created in 2014 with the purpose of supporting students, teachers,
270 schools and department in the pursuit of external grant funding. They seek as many sources of
271 revenue as possible to supplement funds provided through local appropriations and basic aid offered
272 by the state and federal governments. The goal is to ensure coordination and to avoid duplication in

273 developing grants proposals. The Grants Development Office serves as the district's clearinghouse
274 for grant application support and submission. The primary task is to provide programmatic support,
275 monitor budgets, expenditures and require financial reports for grant funds to the district. The vision
276 of the Grants Development Office is to develop and implement strategies for grants and partners to 1)
277 promote student learning; 2) teacher and curriculum development; and 3) district capacity for teaching
278 and learning innovation to improve its performance outcomes at all levels across the district. Dr.
279 McCarter explained the difference between supplement vs. supplant. Supplement is to add to or
280 enhance and supplant is to take the place of or to replace. She said the office is a compliance office
281 and it is imperative that grant managers know the difference between those two words. Another area
282 where support was needed was in understanding grants versus donations. A donation process was
283 created to help staff and it keeps the Grants Development Office abreast of what is received as a
284 donation. The office also created a Grant Terminology 101 guide which grant managers have found
285 useful. Grant meetings are held twice a year and processes are reviewed with grant managers. Every
286 grant that is written goes through an extensive review by Ms. Fiori who reviews the financial piece and
287 Dr. McCarter who reviews the language and requirements. Dr. Scott ultimately signs off on any and all
288 grants. Once a grant is approved, the team receives notification and the Grants Financial Manager
289 will set up the account. Contractual service is the most important part of a grant and if anyone is
290 receiving contractual services must go through the Grants Development Office. Ms. Fiori said grants
291 by their nature are fluid. She said the grants have dropped from 2015 to 2016 but the dollar amount is
292 minimal. Some of the grants in 2015 were one of a kind grants or for only one year; Race to the Top
293 Grant closed last year. The district receives \$6,400,000 in grant revenue from state and local
294 sources. The Special Education allocation and the Title I grant account for 61% of the total income
295 from grants and they take the most time to administer. Dr. McCarter said Title I is managed through
296 the Grants Office and is one of the largest federal programs and provides financial support to Title I
297 schools. The purpose of Framingham's Title 1 school-wide programs are to ensure that all students –
298 particularly those from low income families and who are identified as most academically at risk, have
299 a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum,
300 proficient on challenging state academic achievement standards and state assessments. There is a
301 Parent Advisory Council at the Title I schools. Title I supports extended learning, before and after
302 school, summer school, professional development for staff, data teams at each school (data team
303 meet twice a month at Title I schools as opposed to the normal once per month).

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305 Ms. Hugo thanked them for the presentation. Mr. Taggart said he appreciated finding out all the work
306 they do and the step by step process. Dr. Silverman said the presentation was excellent and
307 acknowledged that grants are not easy to obtain. He asked about the twitter account and Dr.
308 McCarter replied it is "FPS Grants". Dr. McCarter in addition to what she stated above, the office
309 identifies scholarships, dual enrollment opportunities, internships and free and reduced funding
310 through the Grants Advisory Committee.

311 312 **V. REPORT ON SCHOOL CHOICE TASK FORCE**

313 Mr. Kevin King, Special Assistant to the Superintendent addressed the School Committee and
314 recognized Dr. Tiano and Mr. Stockless who are members of the Task Force. He said the Task Force
315 is a multi-stakeholder and multi-year review of what is working and what can be improved in the
316 choice process. Framingham is committed to academic challenge for all students and values
317 partnerships and ultimately we strive to match the enrollment policies to support Framingham's vision
318 of excellence and equity. Ultimately we strive for a system that affords every child a highly academic
319 experience, he said. There is a rich history on the topic of choice with the original choice system built
320 in the 1990's to effectively use school facilities. There have since been multiple teams and other ideas
321 crafted through the years. It is a topic that elicits a wide range of opinions and perspectives, he stated.
322 The Task Force is not rushing to a short term answer but to understand the strengths and challenges.
323 Mr. King reviewed several slides of maps of Framingham showing the concentrations of residents in
324 location to schools. He said he is often asked how is it possible that we would not save enough funds
325 in transportation if we move to a home boundary. But, that question seemed counter intuitive. When
326 looking at the map and realizing 2/3 students live on the south side and 2/3 of schools are on the

327 north side, it does present a transportation challenge bigger than school choice, he said. We are
328 growing as a district and struggle with capacity this is related to school choice but not because of
329 school choice. Although we have talked about adding Bethany or another parcel on the south side of
330 town, it does not remove the necessity of a choice conversation. Mr. King reviewed a slide showing
331 the school closures over time. The district has seen tremendous growth over the last few years and
332 questions are being asked about how we can close achievement gaps more quickly and what role
333 does school choice play in that quest. The current work to take on challenges falls into 3 domains: 1)
334 building capacity within our current system. Since September, the Parent Information Center has
335 been restructured and building the capacity of the system, digitizing processes and mechanisms for
336 tracking. No major changes are planned for the current upcoming enrollment season; 2) employ
337 multiple engagement structures to make sure we are hearing from a variety of people including
338 parents, staff, community and; 3) develop strategic action plans. The Task Force will guide the
339 development of a long term plan to be presented in the spring. During the early stages of the choice
340 review, the Task Force heard from a variety of stakeholders and feedback included themes of
341 diversity equity, community, and efficiency. In the end, all students in Framingham deserve equal
342 access to education however, there are different opinions about how to manage enrollment. One of
343 the things that made Framingham attractive as a district is school choice. To move forward in a
344 healthy and positive way needs to be judicious and that is what the Task Force is doing. He thanked
345 the members of the 2015-2016 Task Force for their service to date. Dr. Silverman said he found the
346 maps nicely indicate any claims of why do not go back to neighborhood schools. There is no going
347 back to neighborhood schools unless we are going to build more schools on the south side of town
348 and we do not even have the land. He said it might be interesting to show a larger map that shows all
349 the schools that were closed with dates to see the tempo unfolding that reflects over several decades
350 the demographic shifts through the town and he wondered if that would be useful in unfolding the
351 story of how we got to the place we are today. Mr. King said he does have a favor into a map
352 librarian. Mr. Stockless said he has been part of the school choice program since his oldest daughter
353 was in the very first year of school choice as a kindergartener. The current Task Force has
354 assembled has a great grasp of the challenges and strengths of the district and he thought they would
355 come up with a recommendation. Ms. Brosnahan said 8 years ago she went through school choice
356 process and no one ever advised her that at that point she was in actuality making a choice as to
357 where her child would attend middle school. Parents believe they are choosing their elementary
358 school but the choice goes beyond that, she said.

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360 **VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY MANUAL**

361 **A. Policy JQ – School Fees, Fines and Charges**

362 **JQ-R-1: Bus Fee**

363 The Chair turned the discussion over to Ms. Brosnahan as convener of the Policy sub-committee. Ms.
364 Brosnahan said JQ-R-1, Bus Fees, is on the agenda for a first vote. She said it was Dr. Gotgart's
365 suggestion to reduce the bus fee by \$20 per ride with a family cap of \$500. The Policy sub-committee
366 has met since the last School Committee meeting and voted 2-0-1 to reduce the bus fee to \$200 with
367 a family cap of \$400. Mr. Taggart joined Dr. Gotgart at the bus bid opening. There were two bidders
368 for new buses and 1 bidder for used buses. Administration is in the process of analyzing the bids but
369 it appears the used bus bid will prevail, Dr. Gotgart said. It will keep the School Department within the
370 projected target budgeted for FY17. Bus fees are generated by 1,500 students. Some of those riders
371 are siblings and hit the family cap. Dr. Gotgart stated that for each \$10 reduction, it is an \$12,000
372 reduction in revenue.

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374 Mr. Taggart reiterated that the School Committee had made a significant reduction in the athletic fee
375 at its last meeting and if we listen to the reasoning from Dr. Gotgart, the School Department is still far
376 from where the Town is in terms of the overall budget. The greater the reduction, the greater the
377 debt, he said.

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379 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Kelly to reduce the bus fee by \$20**
380 **with a \$500 family cap for the 2016-2017 school year based on Dr. Gotgart's projections**

381 and taking into account that the School Committee does not feel we can keep adding to
382 the difference in the projected budget balances between the Town and School
383 Department. Discussion: Mr. Kelly said he would like to see the fees eliminated
384 however, taking into account the new bus bid stays within the projected budget, it is an
385 increase in what the costs were this year. The bottom line is we did not have the cost
386 of running the athletic program as we do with the bus fee. Mr. Kelly believed it was
387 prudent to try to move the needle in the right direction with caution. Ms. Brosnahan
388 agreed. She said cutting \$200,000 from the budget amounts to 4-5 teachers. Dr.
389 Silverman asked if the bus fees were abolished, what would need to be reconfigured.
390 Dr. Gotgart said a larger reduction would increase ridership and the School Committee
391 would need to review the ineligible ridership policy. Currently, all paid riders are
392 ineligible, either by distance or by grade. Grade 7-12 is ineligible by definition in State
393 law. State law requires students in kindergarten through 6th grade, who live 2 or more
394 miles from school are eligible riders. Those riders do not pay the bus fee. Mr.
395 Stockless said the district instituted the State law requirements when the change was
396 made to a fee structure. Dr. Gotgart agreed. The only caveat to the law is those
397 students with an Individualized Education Plan. Ms. Hugo said the Policy sub-
398 committee had voted for a \$70 reduction per rider for loss of revenue of \$205,000. Dr.
399 Silverman spoke against the current motion and would prefer the \$70 reduction. He
400 said he did not see it as contradictory to go before Town Meeting stating we want to
401 enhance the education of our students and we also want to alleviate some of the
402 burden on families. Mr. Kelly said the ineligible riders are the ones who are paying the
403 fee; those students who qualify for free/reduced meals program do not pay any fees.
404 Mr. Kelly suggested leaving the fees as they are. Ms. Brosnahan called the question.
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406 **Vote on motion by Dr. Silverman and seconded by Ms. Hugo to reduce the bus fee by**
407 **\$70 for the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion: None. Vote: Motion fails.**
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409 **Vote on motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan to make no change in the**
410 **bus fee for 2016-2017. Discussion: None. Vote: Motion fails.**
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412 **Vote on original motion made by Mr. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Kelly to reduce the**
413 **bus fee by \$20 with a family cap of \$500 for the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion:**
414 **None. Vote: Motion passes.**
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416 Mr. Taggart said this is a one year proposition. Ms. Brosnahan suggested that the School Committee
417 look at this early in the year next year so the discussion can roll into the budget discussion easier than
418 this year.
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420 **JQ-R-2: Athletic Fee**

421 The Policy sub-committee has met and made the changes to Policy JQ-R-2. The changes were voted
422 by the School Committee at its meeting on January 19, 2016 to reduce the athletic fee to \$110 with a
423 family cap of \$440. It is on tonight's agenda for a second reading as amended for the 2016-2017
424 school year.
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426 **JQ-R-3: Student Parking at Framingham High School**

427 Ms. Brosnahan stated that Policy sub-committee has met and made the changes to Policy JQ-R-3:
428 Student Parking at Framingham High School. The only change was to insert the 2016-2017 school
429 year. The fees are \$125 for the senior lot and \$75 for the junior lot.
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431 Ms. Brosnahan, convener of the Policy sub-committee recommended a consent agenda action item.
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433 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Brosnahan and seconded by Ms. Connolly to approve Policy**
434 **JQ-R-2: Athletic Fee and JQ-R-3: Student Parking at Framingham High School for a**

435 second reading. Discussion: None. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms.
436 Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in favor.

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438 **B. Policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities Regulations for Use**
439 **Of School Buildings and Grounds**

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441 **C. Policy IJNBD – Empowered Digital Use**

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443 **D. Policy BHE – Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members**

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445 **E. Policy IJND: Access to Digital Resources**

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447 Ms. Brosnahan stated the Policy sub-committee has met since the last School Committee meeting on
448 January 19, 2016 and there is no change in language in Policies KF-R, IJNBD, BHE, IJND since the
449 first reading. Ms. Brosnahan waived the readings of the policies in the interest of time.

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451 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Brosnahan and seconded by Ms. Connolly approve, by**
452 **consent agenda, Policies KF-R: Community Use of School Facilities Regulations for**
453 **Use of School Buildings and Grounds, Policy IJNBD: Empowered Digital Use, Policy**
454 **BHE: Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members and Policy IJND:**
455 **Access to Digital Resources for a second reading. Discussion: None. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms.**
456 **Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr.**
457 **Taggart voted in favor.**

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459 **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION TOOL**

460 The Superintendent Evaluation tool was presented at the School Committee meeting of January 19,
461 2016 and the Committee will vote to accept the tool for the evaluation this year, the Chair stated. This
462 is the final product after many months of work and the Workshop with Nancy Walser and Dorothy
463 Presser.

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465 **MOTION: Moved by Ms. Brosnahan and seconded by Ms. Connolly to accept the**
466 **Superintendent Evaluation tool. Discussion: Ms. Hugo said evaluations will be due the**
467 **3rd week in March. The previously scheduled Evaluation Workshop will need to be**
468 **changed due to a scheduling conflict. Ms. Brosnahan suggested placing it on the**
469 **Google Calendar to make sure it happens. Ms. Connolly asked about the box of**
470 **evidence. Dr. Scott said the document is being prepared and he did not expect that it**
471 **would be a tremendous amount of paper. It will also be made available electronically.**
472 **Vote: 7-0-0; Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr.**
473 **Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in favor.**

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475 **IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

476 No report.

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478 **X. REPORTS**

479 **A. Subcommittees**

480 **i. Finance/Capital Budget – Mr. Donald Taggart, III**
481 Mr. Taggart said the Finance/Capital Budget sub-committee will meet on March 15th from 6:00 pm
482 to 7:00 pm in Conference Room 115 in the King Elementary School.

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484 **ii. Policy – Ms. Michelle Brosnahan**
485 Ms. Brosnahan said there will be a Policy sub-committee meeting at Perini at 7:00 pm on February
486 16th.

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488 **iii. Buildings and Grounds/Real Property – Ms. Heather Connolly**

489 Ms. Connolly reported there will be a Buildings and Grounds/Real Property sub-committee meeting
490 on February 4th at 6:30 in the Buildings and Grounds Office in Fuller Middle School.
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492 **B. Liaisons**

493 **i. MASC Legislative – Ms. Beverly Hugo**

494 Ms. Hugo said the resolution drafted by the Framingham School Committee is now House Bill 391:
495 An Act Relating to School Improvement Plans. Presently, School Committees accept School
496 Improvement Plans (SIPs) and this bill would allow School Committee to approve SIPs. It is currently
497 in the Senate Rules Committee. She said this is a critical part of School Committee policy and asked
498 members to support it by contacting their legislators.
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500 **ii. Suburban Coalition – Ms. Beverly Hugo**

501 Ms. Hugo said the Committee had received a resolution from the Suburban Coalition Chapter 70
502 Foundation Review Commission asking the legislation to fully fund recommendations from that
503 Commission. They want School Committees, Boards of Selectmen and Town Finance Committees to
504 support this. Ms. Brosnahan said in her research, she found there are 6-7 bills dealing with Chapter
505 70 and reconstruction of the formula and those bills are in the hands of the Committee for Education.
506 This bill has already been approved and we are asking to support the recommendations, Ms. Hugo
507 said. The Governor’s budget had reduced the amount for Framingham.
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509 **iii. TEC Board of Directors – Ms. Heather Connolly**

510 Ms. Connolly reported that the next meeting is March 25th. The Legislative Breakfast is on February
511 12th.
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513 **iv. Technology – Dr. Eric Silverman**

514 Dr. Silverman said Technology sub-committee met last Tuesday to discuss the state of WIFI in the
515 schools. A timeline and discussion was provided with responses; much of that information has now
516 been released to the public. No subsequent meeting is scheduled.
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518 **v. District Wellness – Mr. Jim Kelly**

519 No report.
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521 **C. Task Forces**

522 **i. Academic Data Dashboard – Ms. Beverly Hugo**

523 Ms. Hugo said there will be a meeting in a few weeks and the Dashboard will concentrate on High
524 School data in terms of standardized testing, drop-out rates and new qualifications for applying to
525 colleges.
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527 **ii. Communications – Mr. Jim Stockless**

528 Mr. Stockless said due to the issues the district is encountering with WIFI, the new website debut will
529 be delayed. The same people trouble-shooting and fixing the WIFI are the same people working on
530 the website.
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532 **ii. Delegate Assembly Resolution – Ms. Beverly Hugo**

533 Ms. Hugo is gathering ideas for resolutions. Ms. Brosnahan has one completed. Ms. Hugo said she
534 would plan on meeting sometime later this month.
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536 **XI. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

537 **A. January 19, 2016 – Executive Sessions**
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539 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Taggart and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan to approve the**
540 **amended January 19, 2016 Executive Session meeting minutes. Discussion: Ms. Hugo**
541 **stated that these minutes were approved with one minor change at the School**
542 **Committee executive session held earlier this evening. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms. Brosnahan,**

543 Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted
544 in favor.

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546 **MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Taggart and seconded by Ms. Connolly to approve the January
547 19, 2016 Open Session meeting minutes: Discussion: None. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms.
548 Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr.
549 Taggart voted in favor.

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551 **B. December 8, 2015 – Joint Communications, Technology and Policy sub-committee**
552 **Meeting Minutes**

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554 **MOTION:** Moved by Ms. Brosnahan and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the
555 December 8, 2015 Joint Communications, Technology and Policy sub-committee
556 meeting minutes. Discussion: Ms. Brosnahan said the meeting was very productive
557 and resolved several issues. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr.
558 Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in favor

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560 **C. August 12, 2013 – April 27, 2015 Redacted Executive Sessions**

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562 **MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Stockless and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan to table action on
563 the August 12, 2013-April 27, 2015 Redacted Executive Session Meeting Minutes until
564 further notice. Discussion: None. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms.
565 Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in favor.

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567 **XII. MEMBER REPORTS**

568 Ms. Hugo went to the Rennie Center for Education and passed out a sheet of statistics to fellow
569 Committee members. Ms. Hugo will provide information to members regarding placing an
570 advertisement in the Salute to Framingham booklet. Ms. Brosnahan said she received an e-mail from
571 former member, Mr. Andy Limeri about a grant with MassBay Community College for computer
572 science for middle school girls. Ms. Brosnahan said the course would run from February 29 to March
573 30th on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Microsoft store in the Natick Mall.

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575 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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577 **MOTION:** Moved by Ms. Connolly and seconded by Ms. Brosnahan to change the
578 School Committee meeting date of February 23, 2016 to February 22, 2016. Discussion:
579 None. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Silverman,
580 Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in favor.

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582 **MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Stockless and seconded by Ms. Connolly to adjourn the
583 meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: 7-0-0; Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr.
584 Kelly, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in favor.

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586 Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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588 MEETING MATERIALS:
589 January 19, 2016 Open Meeting Minutes
590 January 19, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
591 December 8, 2015 Communications, Policy and Technology Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
592 Fine and Performing Arts PowerPoint
593 Grants Development Office PowerPoint
594 Policy JQ – School Fees, Fines and Charges
595 Policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities Regulations for Use Of School Buildings and
596 Grounds

597 Policy IJNBD – Empowered Digital Use
598 Policy BHE – Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members
599 Policy IJND: Access to Digital Resources
600 Policy IJNDB – Network Access/Acceptable Use Policy
601 Superintendent Evaluation Tool

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603 *These minutes were approved by the Framingham School Committee at its meeting of February 22,*
604 *2016.*

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606 *A copy of these minutes was forwarded to the Office of the Town Clerk on April 27, 2016.*