

Board Member Attendees: Scott Burns, Robin Gargano, Susan Hallett-Cook, Tim Dow, Deborah Brown, Lisa Tremblay, Anya Twarog, Paul Doucette, Jeff Savary

Absent Board Members:

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Carrie Charette – FHS Principal; Mike Zmuda – FHS Assistant Principal; Paul Borsh – Special Education Director; Jule Finley – Curriculum Director; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal

Others: Franklin Residents/Teachers, Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

Call to Order by Daniel LeGallo, Superintendent, at 7:01 PM.

Salute to the Flag

Meeting Postings

It was stated that the meeting agenda was posted at the SAU Office, Franklin Public Library, Franklin City Hall, the three schools, and the website.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD

Board Chairperson

MOTION: Deborah Brown nominated Tim Dow as the Franklin School Board Chairperson, seconded by Paul Doucette.

One other nomination was made but not seconded.

Motion Passes – 8 in Favor, 1 Opposed (Scott Burns)

Board Vice Chairperson

MOTION: Susan Hallett-Cook moved to nominate Scott Burns as the Franklin School Board Vice Chairperson, seconded by Jeff Savary.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to nominate Robin Gargano as the Franklin School Board Vice Chairperson, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Motion Votes – 5 in Favor of Scott Burns for Vice Chairperson (Scott Burns, Susan Hallett-Cook, Jeff Savary, Anya Twarog, and Lisa Tremblay) and 4 in Favor of Robin Gargano for Vice Chairperson (Robin Gargano, Tim Dow, Paul Doucette, and Deborah Brown)

Treasurer

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to nominate Deborah Brown as the Franklin School Board Treasurer, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Reassignment of Franklin School Board Committees by Chairperson – postponed to the end of the meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Lucas, Ward I, thanked the board for all that they do. He also understands that there will be challenges but hopes that the board will put their best foot forward. The budget is problematic and will continue to be. Mr. Lucas stated that he would be in favor of budget consolidation with the city to get rid of any redundancy. It is important for the future to offer the best quality education to our students. He mentioned more training towards the STEM program to help find gainful employment. He mentioned working with the neighboring district of Winnisquam and partnership such as having a college bound campus and a STEM campus to save on time with transportation.

Discussion was held regarding this a similar program “FLIP” in already in process.

Christine Dzjuna, Ward I, recognized _____ for representing Mr. and Mrs. Claus at _____ it was very well received.

RECOGNITIONS

Daniel LeGallo recognized Mary Charnley and students for making pies for the Harvest Fest. There was a picture in the newspaper.

Deborah Brown welcomed the new board members and stated that there are refreshments available for everyone.

All the board members introduced themselves and the Ward they are in.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS:

Student Representative Report

The student representative presented a written report to the Board Members and Administration. The topics discussed were: Electricity Class, National Honor Society, Drama (District Wide Musical and NH Educational Theater Festival), One Act Play Cast List, Karma Korner and Music Newsletter and recognitions.

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

Update, Audits

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, stated that the 2016 Franklin audit is in the closing stage and the SAU 2014 draft is done and 2015 is in the closing stage.

Expenditure Report

No questions.

Update from Superintendent

Letter/Email to Legislators

Superintendent LeGallo provided the board with a copy of the letter from the district sent to all of the state representatives regarding the lack of governmental funding for public education including the recent cuts in stabilization funds. Mr. LeGallo stated that Representative French did respond back with some questions that he responded back to.

Withdrawal Update

Superintendent LeGallo stated that the Franklin School District Withdrawal from SAU 18 is on the NH State Board of Education State Department of Education Agenda for January 12, 2017 at 12:15 pm. Some administration and board members are already planning to attend this meeting. It was advised to arrive earlier. It is believed that this will be the last step in the withdrawal process.

Custodial and Support Staff Contracts

It was stated that the custodial and support staff contracts were presented to the Franklin City Council to seek approval but was not approved. They were asked to go back to negotiate. Meetings will be scheduled with each group.

Update, Art Car

Scott Burns spoke to Laurence Gartel and is now unsure that he even wants the car now. It was stated that Mrs. Feener donated \$1,000 and is not willing to let that go. She would like that money back but it was stated that she may need to proceed with that as a civil matter.

NHSBA Resolutions

Lisa Tremblay will be attending the 2017 NHSBA Delegate Assembly in January 2017. The date needs to be confirmed. Discussion was held regarding school choice on page 1 section I – School Choice for which Paul Doucette expressed his views in favor of this. Some concerns were shared that the Franklin School District will “feel the heat” from this.

On Page 4 item V:J – NHSBA which supports new legislation or administrative rules that impose penalties against school district employees who breach their employment contracts. (2011). It was stated that this would stop financial impact.

Hill Bond Payments

After reviewing the Hill Withdrawal from the AREA Agreement a question arose regarding the bond payments. The attorneys were contacted for their views on this. It appears that this was agreed upon based on the understanding that there would be a reduction in building aid which there has not been. Therefore it is possible that Hill will no longer pay the payment as previously thought. There will be a meeting with the attorney, board and Greg Husband (Chairperson at the time) on January 30th at 6:00 PM to further discuss.

Attorney Barrett Christina from the New Hampshire School Boards Association will be coming to meet with the Board at the Franklin Middle School on February 20th from 6-7 PM for training regarding specific topics.

2017-18 School Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to change the time of the meetings to 6:30 PM from 7:00 PM effective immediately and approve the 2017-18 School Board Meeting Schedule as amended, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Discussion was held regarding the need to change any policies that reference the 7:00 PM time for the meetings.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

FHS Principal's Report

Carrie Charrette, FHS Principal, provided a written report as well as a verbal report. It contained information regarding the following: Coffee with the Principal; Youth Beatz; Winter Music Evening Concert January 1st at 7:00 PM; February 22nd Future Success Day; Need Approval for (FLIP) Franklin and Winnisquam Learning in Intercampus Partnership (2017-18); Flex Friday community projects from advisory (along with an overview of some of the community activities such as the creation of a dog park, Peabody Home activities and a meal for the fire and police department); and recognitions.

The Coffee with the Principal is held the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Studio. Ten parents showed up and it lasted for three hours.

Youth Beatz will be taught by Mr. Rich. This program consists of 66 sessions at 45 minutes each on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The program is called Rock and Respect and will begin at the end of the month.

Mrs. Charrette's dad is helping to revitalize the front high school sign along with the help of some students.

MOTION: Robin Gargano moved to accept the FLIP Program as presented in the flyer and supported by the superintendent, seconded by Paul Doucette.

This has already been approved by the Winnisquam School District School Board and administration. This is a great way to give the students more opportunities. There may need to be further discussion regarding transportation.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, provided the board with a written report regarding the following topics: Upcoming Events (PTO, Dance, No School Days, Early Release, and NAEP Testing Grade 4). Thursday was the first ski trip and there are four more. There will be a yard sale both at the High School and Middle School being on the 21st and a Spaghetti Dinner on February 1st. The dates will be sent to the administrative assistant and sent to the board.

PSS Principal

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, presented a written report to the board regarding the following topics: Student Activities; Parent Involvement; and Teacher Training. The student activities included the i-ready benchmark testing and before holiday crafts done with ten high school students who did projects with each class. The parent involvement activities included upcoming PTA meetings, Principal's Advisory Committee Meetings, upcoming PSS Parent Night and Kindergarten Registration. The Teacher Training and Planning included reviewing Smarter Balanced results, parent conferences, regrouping interventions in math and literacy and will be meeting after mid-year testing. If anyone is struggling to move forward, parent meetings will be set up.

Approval of Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2016

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2016 as corrected, seconded by Jeff Savary.

Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 3 Abstained (as they were not present – Paul Doucette, Anya Twarog, and Lisa Tremblay)

NEW BUSINESS - nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update

After all administration put in their budget the budget is at \$15.65 million. Now the Superintendent and Business Administrator will go through and make their recommendations of reductions as there is an over \$1.4 million shortfall. The Franklin School District Finance Committee will review and make recommendations next. Following this it will be presented to the entire Franklin School Board. Paul Doucette requested a full working budget with income and expenditures.

POLICY

Second Reading and Adoption

B4 – Regular Franklin School Board Meetings

MOTION: Robin Gargano moved to approve for Second Reading and Adoption of the Policy B4 – Regular Franklin School Board Meetings as presented, seconded by Jeff Savary.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

BCA – School Board Member Ethics

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve for Second Reading and Adoption of the Policy BCA – School Board Member Ethics with the inclusion of the sign-off sheet as presented, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Discussion was held regarding the following topics: freedom of speech, the importance working together as a team, respectfulness amongst each other, making sure that professionalism, maintaining common courtesy and integrity of the board and professional/proper use of social media.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

A7 E2 – Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve for Second Reading and Adoption the Policy A7 E-2 – Superintendent Evaluation Timeline as presented, seconded by Robin Gargano.

Motion Passes – 8 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Paul Doucette)

A7 E-3 – Superintendent Evaluation Procedure

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve for Second Reading and Adoption the Policy A7 E-3 – Superintendent Evaluation Procedure as corrected with the following changes: bullet #3 replace “on” with “no later than”; bullet #6 change “Chairs” to “Chair”; bullet #7 remove the word “three” and replace “s or their designee.” to “or Vice Chair.”, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Passes – 8 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Paul Doucette)

OTHER – None

Committee Reports:

Liaison Committee – Scott Burns stated that there is nothing new to report.

Buildings/Grounds/Fields – Tim Dow stated that there is nothing new to report.

Finance Committee/Capital Improvement – Deborah Brown stated that they are working on a five-year capital improvement schedule as part of the budget process. They continue to hold Joint Finance Committee Meetings with the Franklin City Council.

Scholarship Committee – Robin Gargano stated that no meeting was held last month. Robert Lucas and Andrea McFall are resigning and letters were requested.

Wellness Committee – Daniel LeGallo stated that they met today and they are working on a new wellness policy.

I² Committee – Scott Burns stated that they are working on an auction place for the Art Car. Tamara Feener is still requesting her money back.

Communications/Strategic Planning Committee – Susan Hallett-Cook stated that they have not met recently but they are looking to get the surveys out to the community and schools.

Negotiations – Teachers – Tim Dow stated that they are still in negotiations with the teachers as well as going back to negotiate the support and custodial contracts.

PUBLIC PARTICIATION

Discussion was held regarding who will be attending the State Board approval for the withdrawal such as the Superintendent.

Jule Finley stated that auditions have been held this weekend and 106 students will be participating they will be splitting the younger kids up. There is tremendous amount of talent amongst the students.

George Dzujna spoke about woodworking and asked about the CAS and WATTS. He stated working with the local business of WATTS would be a great partnership with the school and that Mike Muleavey would be the contact there. They do have a new public relations person, Mr. Powers.

Janet Desrochers state that it is very difficult for the public to hear the board and administration and asked if it would be possible to reconfigure the setup.

Leigh Webb, Ward III and former State Representative, mentioned HB174 which was in the press recently and offered his services.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Youth Center for teens ages 13-17. A chapter contract has been signed in Plymouth. Grants have been applied for and are now looking for locations. This is a

partnership with the Pemi Youth Center in Plymouth. They will do things such as mentoring, meal prep and will be free to the students. They would like to be as engrained with the community as possible. There is a Facebook page already started for the Franklin group.

George Dzjuna stated that now there are new members on the Liaison Committee, meetings will begin again.

Discussion was held regarding each school board committee coming up with a mission statement.

School Board Committees were reassigned as follows:

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES:

<p><i>CITY COUNCIL LIAISON –</i> Scott Burns – Chairperson Jeff Savary Susan Hallett- Cook</p>	<p><i>FINANCE/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</i> Deborah Brown – Chairperson Tim Dow Paul Doucette</p>	<p><i>NEGOTIATIONS –</i> Deborah Brown - Chairperson Tim Dow Scott Burns</p>	<p><i>BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –</i> Jeff Savary - Chairperson Paul Doucette Robin Gargano</p>
<p><i>SCHOLARSHIP –</i> Robin Gargano – Chairperson Anya Twarog</p>	<p><i>POLICY –</i> Anya Twarog - Chairperson Susan Hallett-Cook Deborah Brown</p>	<p><i>SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MAYOR’S DRUG TASK FORCE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND COMMITTEE –</i> Tim Dow Anya Twarog (Mike Zmuda – Administrator)</p>	<p><i>LEGISLATIVE NHSBA –</i> Lisa Tremblay</p>
<p><i>STRATEGIC PLANNING/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</i> Susan Hallett-Cook - Chairperson Scott Burns Paul Doucette</p>	<p><i>WELLNESS –</i> Lisa Tremblay - Chairperson Jeff Savary</p>	<p><i>SICK BANK –</i> Lisa Tremblay</p>	<p><i>INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT (P) –</i> Scott Burns – Chairperson Susan Hallett-Cook Robin Gargano Tamara Feener (Franklin Resident)</p>

Adjournment

MOTION: Susan Hallett-Cook moved to adjourn at 8:32 PM, seconded by Robin Gargano.

Motion Carried - Unanimous