

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

Absent Board Members: Lisa Tremblay and Robin Gargano

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Carrie Charette – FHS Principal; Rebecca Butt – Special Education Director; Susan Blair – PSS Principal; Jule Finley – Curriculum Director

Others: Franklin Residents/Teachers/Students (approximately 11 people) and Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

Call to Order by Tim Dow, Chairperson, at 6:15 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.

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A, paragraph IIa (Student)

MOTION: Paul Doucette moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A, paragraph II c (student) at 6:16 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Discussion of a student matter.

MOTION: Paul Doucette moved to come out of Non- Public Session at 6:32 PM and seal the non-public session meeting minutes for three years, seconded by Scott Burns.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Paul Doucette moved to approve the request from the student to remain in the district at a cost of \$1, seconded by Jeff Savary.

Amendment #1: Jeff Savary moved to amend this motion to be at no cost, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Amendment was approved Unanimously

Motion as amended was approved Unanimously

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Shared that this section will be limited to 3 minutes per person with a maximum of 30 minutes.

George Dzujna, on behalf of Christine Dzujna, gave out a flyer from Building Powerful Women. They have a free program coming up on October 17, 19, and 21. Currently there are sixteen high school young ladies participating. This program offers community services hours while building strong powerful young ladies. The group wanted to be sure the board was aware of this great program. It was done three years ago as well.

RECOGNITIONS

Daniel LeGallo spoke with at the Department of Education last week and found out that the High School is no longer a focus school in need of improvement. This is a great accomplishment.

Anya Twarog recognized and gave thanks to all of those students, parents, and staff who showed up and participated on Sunday through Wednesday for the accreditation process. It will take about two to three weeks to get the results. She also stated that the skit/rap that was done was great.

Tim Dow recognized the guidance office and students. The PSATs are paid by the district and this year there were 80 sophomore participants out of 91. This is 89% of the sophomores which is great.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2017

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin Board Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2017 as presented, seconded by Jeff Savary.

Motion Passed – 6 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Paul Doucette)

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Report – Amanda Bergquist

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, gave an overview of the expenditure report, the door between the office and school, audit (almost done with SAU 18 for 2016), and grants. The grants are coming in and being approved as they do come in. Carrie Charette did apply and received the Robotics Grant in conjunction with other districts which is for two years at \$6,500 each year.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Jeff Savary stated that for various reasons they were unable to do a tour of the buildings again. They are working on getting one set up and then will prioritize needs.

Independent School – Jeff Savary stated they met last Thursday they will discuss what the options are and look at other communities doing this such as Concord and Claremont. There will be conversations had with the community. There have been significant financial challenges with the school budget over the past years. It would be different then past as it would not be the few elected officials making the decisions passing the budget. Discussion was held and questions were asked regarding if there would be any consequences to this, the process would take time to complete but it is just in the exploratory phase right now, charter, and before proceeding or making a decisions to proceed there would be a lot of community input. Jeff Savary asked if there were any other comments. Paul Doucette stated that he spoke to one of his attorneys and was told that there may be some short term consequences of the School Board taking such action.

Liaison – No meeting at this time.

Strategic Plan and Communication – Susan Hallett-Cook stated that they will be meeting on October 17, 2017.

I2 – Scott Burns stated that they will meet next Monday to go over test scores, the Robotics Grant and My TURN.

Finance – Deborah Brown stated that they met on the 11th. They discussed the audit of SAU 18 for 2016, audit services bid process (both individual and jointly with the city), DOE and MS forms that Amanda Bergquist is working on, treasurer reports reviewed and will be tweaked, expenditure report which will include a single sheet by function, 2018-19 budget beginning to be worked on and update, energy audit (exploratory work, look into loans/bonds, need for RFQ as there is another company interested in bidding on), the current bond will be done August 2019.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to move forward with the RFQ for the energy audit, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not this would include the roof, consolidation of funding with the roof, and lower adequacy amount is down this year approximately \$84,000 this year. The budget is currently frozen. The Business Administrator and Superintendent are working on this.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Negotiations – Deborah Brown stated that these will begin tomorrow with custodians and support staff. Teachers' contracts are coming up as well.

Policy – Anya Twarog will discuss later in the meeting.

Wellness – Daniel LeGallo stated that there is nothing more to share at this time.

Other – HUOT is setting their committee and looking to bring more classes to the HUOT. They have asked Carrie Charette to be a staff representative and Tim Dow as a representative regional advisor to the board. They have agreed if allowed to do so. All agreed.

Legislative Report (Werner Horn)

Werner Horn is the Legislator of Merrimack County for Franklin-District I & II and Hill, stated that there was very little public turnout and that it is important to get public feedback. He gave an overview of where the House subcommittee is in regards to adequacy. The next meeting will be held October 30, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the State House. There is definitely a need for support in regards to adequacy and stabilization for education funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Update from Superintendent

- **School Wellness Coordinator – Barbara Slayton**

Superintendent LeGallo introduced Barbara Slayton as the replacement for Jenn Sumner. He stated that this position has been renamed as shown above and that she will be overseeing Project AWARE, SAP Grant and the Systems of Care Grant.

- **My TURN Grant Update**

It was stated that this has been entered into the system and is being utilized.

Alison Joseph gave a presentation of My TURN which is a dropout prevention grant. She shared an overview of the amazing number of students who are enrolled, general biography/statistics, what they offer for assistance, the money that has been given and what it is used for, school to career, credit recovery, community service hours, tours through job corps, career exploration, vocational assessment, workforce innovation ACT, Bridges, CASEY and other life skills. They work with various levels of students both academically and socioeconomically. They meet each student where they are at in life. They help students explore all options. Currently working with 39 students.

Jocelyn Mahoney also spoke about OSY (Out of School Youth Program) which services 18-24 year olds. They help them to develop skills. Currently working with 20 students. They help them to find internships, employment, or training. They are partnered with Vocational Rehabilitation and students can do dual enrollment.

Their achievement shows the great results.

The Curriculum Director, Jule Finley gave an explanation and overview of each of the testing modules used below. The science data shows the weak area is inquiry and are working towards reversing this through various levels. They will also be more vertical alignment. This could also be a strategic plan area.

- **NECAP Science Results**

An explanation and review of the NECAP test was done. This is the last year this will be used. Next year a new test will be implemented.

- **Smarter Balanced Results**

An explanation and review of the Smarter Balanced Results test was done. This is the last year for this test. Next year this will be replaced with AIR.

Areas in need of improvement for each subject area based on the testing above have been recognized and a plan of action is being worked on.

- **SAT Results**

This test will remain.

- **NHS Induction Ceremony**

This will be held on October 30, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Opera House. The new robes should be in by then.

- **Energy Audit Update**

Deborah Brown requested earlier to bring more information back to the board.

- **Grant Approval – Dropout Prevention**

This is a two year grant of \$125,000.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept the Dropout Prevention Grant of \$125,000 for two years as presented, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Robotics Grant of \$13,000 for FHS over two years of \$6,500 each years, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

- **Middle School Equipment Disposal**

PSS Principal

Susan Blair, PSS Principal, gave a written report to the board regarding the following topics for Paul Smith Elementary School (dated October 16, 2017): Student Population as of 10/10/2017, Student Related Activities, Professional Development, and Recognitions. Mrs. Blair explained that the fieldtrips

coincided with science and the season. They are working consistency of expectations, student growth, baseline testing, RTI, and to provide support for all kids. On Wednesday night is Open House from 5 to 6:30 and all are invited.

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, gave a written report to the board to include the following information: Upcoming Events, Blue Ribbon Celebration, Parent Night, TIGER Presentation, and Student Leadership. Mr. Barbour stated that the gate below between Bessie Rowell Community Center and the Franklin Middle School has been opened to allow for better flow for pick up and drop off. A One Call Now was sent out to inform the parents. The next Open House sponsored by Allied Arts will be held November 2nd. Discussion was held regarding the removal and disposal of equipment and supplies no longer used and needed from storage and policy DN – Equipment and Supplies Sales was referenced. It is believed that most of the items are still working but definitely outdated. Discussion was held regarding donating these items to ChemFree.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to authorize the Superintendent to dispose of or donate the mentioned items in storage from the FMS as he and the principal per school board policy, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

FHS Principal's Report

Carrie Charette, FHS Principal, gave a written and verbal report to the board regarding the following topics for Franklin High School: Overview of the Summer Lunch Program success, Parents Financial Aid Night, Homecoming, mini college fair, early release youth leadership training, October 6th in-service and professional development, PSATs, NEASC visiting committee, The Business and Professional Woman of Franklin events, ELO group with Alexander Azzi (video completed), Colby Sawyer environmental science ELO, acknowledgements of students and staff, upcoming events, and NH Robotics Grant.

Late Items

Jule Finley provided the board with a handout from the Drama Club's "The Goon Show" will be held November 3-5, 2017.

The FHS Players are looking to do a team bonding and fundraiser Lock-in at the Franklin Opera House. They have spoken to Dan Darling and Jule Finley will be in charge of this event.

MOTION: Susan Hallett-Cook moved to approve the team bonding and fundraiser as presented by Jule Finley for the FHS Players, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Tim Dow thanked Amanda Bergquist for working so hard on the DOE (Department of Education) and DRA (Department of Revenue) MS reports as well as negotiations. Mrs. Bergquist does what is necessary above and beyond. It has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated.

Jule Finley has been helping out with the grants as well.

The auditors will be at the SAU Office for two days coming up soon.

POLICY –

First Reading – Section A

Anya Twarog gave an overview of what the Policy Committee has done and process they have chosen to move forward. The plan is to move 10-12 policies forward per month to be able to keep up with the reading.

MOTION: Paul Doucette moved to approve the First Reading of Policies Section A (AA, ABA, AC, ACD, ACE, AD, ADB, ADC, ADD, AE and Policy GBCD and CBI, as presented by Anya Twarog, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

PUBLIC PARTICIATION - None

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3, paragraph IIb - none

Adjournment

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM, seconded Scott Burn.

Motion Carried – Unanimous