

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

Absent Board Members: Jeff Savary

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Carrie Charette – FHS Principal; Paul Borsh – Special Education Director; Jule Finley – Curriculum Director; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal; Ralph Downes – Director of Buildings and Grounds; Jack Finley – FMS Assistant Principal

Others: Franklin Residents/Teachers (approximately 12 people), Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

Call to Order by Tim Dow, Chairperson, at 6:35 PM for the Public Hearing.

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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Desrochers, Ward II Franklin City Councilor and Resident, spoke about the \$1.1 million shortfall and the potential savings of \$76,000 for the first year if the consolidation occurs with municipal and school services. He stated that the consolidation would not be about control but rather savings. He asked where the board proposed to find this money and urged them to think outside the box. He stated that the city is taxed out, 30% of the population is on a fixed income and 25% is on assistance. He urged the district not to replace the control panel needed at the school but to wait for the energy audit.

RECOGNITIONS

Tim Dow, Franklin School Board Chairperson, recognized the inductees into the National Honors Society and read the list aloud. The following board members were in attendance: Scott Burns, Deborah Brown, and Tim Dow.

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo recognized the Franklin Middle and High School Innovation Team for all of their efforts and the grant related.

The Superintendent and Carrie Charette recognized Brooke Perry, Junior at Franklin High School student, who was the first student to go from white apron to chef's coat in the first year of the culinary program. Her HUOT Culinary Program Professor, Jack Abridge, has been a professor for 16 years and recognized Brooke as being the first in all of his years to achieve this honor in such a short time. This program is a very intensive program with 48 units of information, 90 practicals, 9 competencies, 66 skills spanning over 2 years. Brooke has drive and leadership qualities that make her a shining star. She

is eager and determined. Brooke then read aloud a thank you letter thanking everyone for the wonderful opportunity and support that all have given.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS:

Student Representative Report – Not present

Legislative Report (Werner Horn)

Werner Horn is the Legislator of Merrimack County for Franklin and Hill, District II. Representative Horn stated that the future of NH is in the hands of the Senate and encourages all to contact Senator Harold French to inform him of their funding priorities. There are 23 Senators who will decide the fate. Some of the concerns is that there is a need to freeze the stabilization grant and stop the annual decreases. Discussion was held regarding SB 193 – School Choice at its core.

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

Update, Audits

It was stated that Amanda Bergquist was unable to attend and that Superintendent LeGallo would be presenting information on her behalf. The auditors will be in next week to work on the SAU 2015 and 2016 audits. Much progress has been made.

Expenditure Report – nothing

Roof Note or Bond

Discussion was held regarding whether or not a note or bond should be considered for the Franklin Middle School roof. City and School Administration have been working together on this topic. Further investigation and discussion will be had regarding this topic and a comparison will be created. The Business Administrator is in contact with the banks.

Maintenance Update (Ralph Downes)

Ralph Downes, Director of Buildings and Grounds stated that he received specs requested last month and now waiting to do an RFP after the return of Amanda Bergquist. The specs were done at no charge. The High School door will be done next week during break by Tombs Door. EEI is still working on the energy audit. The PSS panel has already been completed and installed. It is something that needed to be done years ago and could no longer be put off. This will provide more energy efficiency. Two proposals have been received (Franklin High School FLNC 2 Field Panel Upgrade for \$6,600 and Franklin High School HRU's, Classroom's Repairs for \$2,239) from Siemens. The district is still awaiting an estimate regarding the High School boiler.

Preschool Update (Paul Borsh)

Paul Borsh, Director of Special Education, shared that there will be a need for approximately \$3,000 worth of supplies for the second classroom if preschool is moved to PSS. A shed will be needed at PSS for preschool storage. Discussion was held as to whether or not this move can occur and when. Extended School Year will begin in July.

Superintendent LeGallo gave an overview of the current preschool, transitional plan and future plan. Currently there are 43 special education students in the preschool program. The move would allow for 3 year olds and 4 year olds to be separate and allow for better transition and familiarity to the Paul Smith School for students. The staff is already in place and there may be movement of staff. The therapy staff are already in place at PSS. There would be a savings in time and coverage. Discussion was held regarding the location of the preschool in the school and bathroom facilities. The school will be evaluated by the superintendent and special education director to confirm the best placement within the school. Discussion was held regarding playground area and movement of the preschool play equipment to PSS.

The hope is to the transition after the ESY for PSS.

MOTION: Paul Doucette moved to transition preschool to the Paul Smith Elementary School from the Franklin Middle School at the discretion of the administration involved, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Consolidation

Tim Dow requested that the superintendent send a letter to the Franklin City Manager on March 16th requesting that any further discussion of the proposed city consolidation be moved until after July as there is so much going on in the district that need to be addressed as a priority such as the budget shortfall, SAU separation, audit catch up, PSS Principal search, high school accreditation, etc.

On March 28th there was a Joint Finance Committee meeting held where the city's Accountable and Transparent Financial Services power point packet was discussed. It was stated that the board is not interested but that this information would be shared with the entire board and a consensus would be taken. After further discussion it was decided to have the City Manager and Finance Manager present to the entire board in July and a vote would be taken at that time.

It was the consensus of the board to hold off further discussion of consolidation until after July 1st.

This information will be sent to the City Manager.

Independent School District Committee

Several board members and community members asked to have this placed on the agenda. Currently, the school district is a dependent district. An overview of what this would look like and how the people would have more of a say. The attorney has been contacted and it was stated that the research for this

would take 18-24 months. The makeup of the committee was discussed. It was stated that the charter and RSAs should be reviewed before a decision is made to form the committee. The attorney would also need to review prior as well. This committee would be to explore options. The committee will be formed based on the information received by the attorney, city charter and state RSAs.

NH Public Policy Benchmarks

Scott Burns gave an overview of the NH Public Policy Benchmarks that were done for Manchester which has a first draft at the state level. It's approximately an 18 month process. The districts are losing students and poverty is increasing.

Update from Superintendent

Jule Finley, Curriculum Director, presented to the board, administration and the public with information regarding the Little Mermaid Production. There are 127 students throughout the district in this district wide arts integration production. There has been lots of positive feedback. There are various projects at each school. This is a phenomenal cross curricular integration and collaborative project. The teachers have taken the concept and ran with it. There are lots of talented students, teachers and staff in the district.

The Commissioner of Education visited the district including all three schools. There were tours of each school and meetings with the board and council as well as municipal and school administration and employees.

The servers in the district have been updated and decreased in quantity, from sixteen to eleven. The band width has been increased which has corrected many of the IT issues.

Teacher Resignation

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept the resignation of Marilyn Mark as FMS Title I Teacher, with regret, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

3-Day Waiver (Teachers and Support Staff)

Last month it was approved to use instructional hours versus days for students. The question is now what should be done for the teachers and staff. There are a few options such as having the staff come in for professional development or grant them all the paid time off. After much discussion it was decided to grant them the paid days off as a thank you for all that they do.

MOTION: Paul Doucette moved to waive attendance and pay the teachers and staff for the three days as discussed and proposed by administration, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

2017-2018 Budget

The School Board will be presenting the budget to the Franklin City Council on May 8th at 6:00 PM at the City Hall. They are still working on the presentation and all are encouraged to attend and support the education of the Franklin School District students.

Budget Presentation – April 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Franklin High School – Cafeteria

This will be a presentation by administration and the school board to explain the school's budgetary process from start to finish for a community wide better understanding.

Community Art Project

There is an upcoming community art project and students are needed to participate in the Franklin Cultural Alliance "Pull Up a Chair and Sit a Spell" contest. These chairs will be placed throughout the community. The flyer has been shared with the high school department heads and Lauren Pearsall and coaches. Mrs. Charette, FHS Principal, has already spoken to a couple of students as well.

HUOT Regional Agreement

The district is still awaiting the attorney's final approval of the finalized agreement. A twenty year agreement is being presented. Some concerns were shared. Once the agreement is reviewed someone from the HUOT Center will come in to present. It is the understanding that if a program is offered at HUOT it may not be able to be offered by the district. Although Drama was discussed and this will be able to remain in tack at the school district. This agreement is between multiple districts.

Gear Up NH – Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

A flyer was given to the board and administration regarding this grant. This contained information regarding the funding details, three categories of programming, how the NHCUC and CCNH member campuses will benefit, and how this will affect school personnel, middle school and high school. The Superintendent will keep the board updated. Franklin is one of seven communities to receive this grant. This grant will follow the current year's class 7th graders for six years. Upon graduation each student will receive a scholarship.

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: 4/17/17: SATs- Perfect Attendance; National Honor Society – Spring Induction; Mr. Jahn's Flex Friday Service Learning group hosted dinner for emergency personnel from Franklin; 2017-18 Program of Studies and Courses; April 18th FHS guest speaker Kevin Hines; Best Buddies Friendship Walk on May 13th; The 8th Grade transition after April Vacation and Recognitions: The Class of 2018 for their SAU testing participation, Brooke Perry – Culinary Arts student at HUOT earned a Chef's coat as the first year student; NH Winter Athletes: Zoe Kaplan and Jayden Torres; Evening of the Arts at Winnisquam April 8th – band and chorus members attended combined

conference; and NH Red Sox Service Scholarship recipient – Bree Judkins. Mrs. Charette also provided handouts about American Go E-Journal and 2017-18 Student Handbook and Program of Studies (partial). The Program of Studies will be brought forward in May for approval by the board.

Mrs. Dennis provided a handout and presented on the following topic: FHS Mathematics Curriculum Map required courses first, second and third year; path and course descriptions both required and elective.

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, gave a written and verbal report to the board regarding the following topics for Franklin Middle School: Upcoming Events from now until the end of the school year; Math Team (Franklin is in 3rd Place); discussion was held regarding PSS/FMS transition; STEM Activities; Student Leadership; Smarter Balanced and Indistar Team. A copy of the Tech Times was also given out.

PSS Principal

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, gave a written and verbal report to the board regarding the following topics for Paul Smith Elementary School: Student Activities, Parent Involvement; Teacher Training and Planning. Discussion was held regarding Student Progress on May 1st the third grade will be going to Plymouth for a concert by the Philharmonic Orchestra and Smarter Balanced testing is May 15-26 for third grade. Parent Involvement - Kindergarten assessments for next year will be held on April 3-5. They are up to 51 enrolled so far. The assessment will help assess skills and allow staff and families to work together for the better preparation of students for kindergarten.

Approval of Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2017

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2017 as corrected, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Lisa Tremblay and Jeff Savary were added to the “Absent Board Member” list. Page 2, 7th paragraph, change “match” to “matching” on the 8th paragraph change “out district” to “out of district”.

Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 2 Abstained (Robin Gargano and Lisa Tremblay)

Approval of Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2017

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017 as presented, seconded Scott Burns.

Motion Passes – 7 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Lisa Tremblay)

NEW BUSINESS - none

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update - done earlier in the meeting

POLICY

First Reading

JBAA – Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence – Students

MOTION: Anya Twarog moved to accept Policy JBAA – Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence – Students for first reading as presented, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Anya Twarog moved to accept the following policies as first reading: *JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities, JIC – Student Conduct, JICD – Student Conduct, Discipline and Due Process – Safe School Zone, JICFA – Hazing, JIA – Student Due Process Rights, JICDD – Student Discipline Out of School Actions, JICI – Weapons on School Property, and JICC – Student Discipline and Due Process* as presented, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Discussion and debate was held regarding Weapons on School Property. It was requested to have the Superintendent contact the attorney to review the policy and also compare with Milford’s policy on this topic. It was stated that this policy follows the NHSBA policy which is done by an attorney. Discussion was held regarding the federal firearms laws and NH concealed weapons laws.

Motion Passes – 7 in Favor and 1 Opposed (Paul Doucette)

Second Reading

JFABD – Admission of Homeless Students

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JFABD – Admission of Homeless Students as presented for second reading and adoption, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

JFAB – Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JFAB – Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students as presented for second reading and adoption, seconded by Anya Twarog.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

JLC – School Health Services

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JLC – School Health Services as presented for second reading and adoption, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

JLCD – Administering Medication to Students

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JLCD – Administering Medication to Students as presented for second reading and adoption, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

JCA – Change of School or Assignment

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JCA – Change of School or Assignment as presented for second reading and adoption, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

JEC – Manifest Educational Hardship

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JEC – Manifest Educational Hardship as presented for second reading and adoption, seconded by Anya Twarog.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

IHCD/LEB – Advanced Course Work/Advanced Placement Courses

MOTION: Lisa Tremblay moved to accept Policy IHCD and LEB – Advanced Course Work/Advanced Placement Courses as presented for second reading and adoption, seconded by Robin Gargano.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Late Items

1. Robin Gargano mentioned having the Franklin School Board Scholarship renamed “The Andrea McFall Memorial Scholarship”. She passed away this past weekend. If it wasn’t for her hard work and efforts this scholarship would not be as successful as it is today. This money is kept thru the trustees. After discussion it was decided to call it the Franklin School Board Scholarship in Memory of Andrea McFall. This would be announced through the scholarship presentation and may either be kept the same name or changed year to year. It was suggested to have Andrea’s daughter present this scholarship in her mother’s honor.

2. Principal Search Committee Update – meeting next Wednesday to review the 10-11 applications and begin to set up interviews. Three candidates will be moved forward to the board on May 16th beginning at 6:00 PM at the SAU Office.
3. Hill School District accepted the counter offer of \$25,000. A memorandum of understanding is being written up by the Franklin School Board attorney and will be presented to Hill School Board for approval.

Committee Reports:

Liaison Committee – Scott Burns stated that they did not meet this month.

Buildings/Grounds/Fields – They have not had a meeting.

Finance Committee/Capital Improvement – Deborah Brown stated that they have met with the Joint City Council. This committee may be finished meeting unless Councilor Guinta calls a meeting.

Scholarship Committee – Robin Gargano stated that they have not met yet.

Wellness Committee – Lisa Tremblay stated that she had not attended.

I² Committee – Scott Burns stated that they had met and discussed the dropout rate, community service hours and Superintendent LeGallo will follow up with Carrie Charette regarding the dropout rate.

Communications/Strategic Planning Committee – Susan Hallett-Cook stated that they have received up to 100 completed surveys and the computer surveys will be analyzed. They will check on other survey types geared towards community and they are not sure if it would be appropriate for students to complete in high school.

Negotiations – Support Staff and Custodians – Deborah Brown stated that they are waiting for May to meet with both groups and will discuss insurance, etc.

Policy Committee – Anya Twarog stated they meet the second Monday of each month.

PUBLIC PARTICIATION

Werner Horn, Ward II, expressed his concerns regarding the longevity of the school board members and city council members as well as the past combined efforts of each group to alienate Hill and stated that he felt the committee for withdrawal was rigged by the city. He stated that the tax cap is a flawed system. He is concerned that the city council puts all of the pressure on the school district to find solutions for the funding issues and for them not to offer any long term solutions. They are all voted in by the people and their voices should be heard. Last year there were ninety minutes of people who were in favor of raising taxes and supporting the school district.

A parent inquired about why the Franklin School District waits until High School to teach financial literacy. This process should begin earlier such as 3rd grade for early success. The superintendent will discuss with the principals.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a course for real life financial experiences and there may be other organizations that will help at no cost. The Superintendent is to follow up with this parent and asked that she contact Kevin Barbour at the middle school as well.

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3, paragraph IIc (personnel)

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3, paragraph IIc at 9:07 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Discussion held regarding a personnel matter.

MOTION: Anya Twarog moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:39 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Adjournment

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 9:45 PM, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried - Unanimous