

Board Member Attendees: Scott Burns, Jeff Savary, Susan Hallett-Cook (arrived at 6:40 PM), Tim Dow, Deborah Brown, Lisa Tremblay, Anya Twarog, Paul Doucette

Absent Board Members: Robin Gargano

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Carrie Charette – FHS Principal; Paul Borsh – Special Education Director; Jack Finley – FMS Assistant Principal

Others: Franklin Residents/Teachers (approximately 25 people), Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

Call to Order by Tim Dow, Chairperson, at 6:02 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

James DeBernardo, graduate of Franklin High School Class of 2010 and owner/operator of Hall's Burner Service, is offering a donation of a percentage of his profits back to the Franklin High School. His goal is \$10,000 by January if the donation is accepted.

Marissa Carter, Ward II resident, and her husband extended an offer of their services to do a school supply drive as they had last year. This would be donations from area businesses and churches. She did request that the schools start their lists now. She worked closely with Sara Stanley from Franklin Savings Bank as well last year. They would like to work on the top five requested items.

George Dzjuna recognized Superintendent Daniel LeGallo for his participation in the Community Day Parade. The theme this year was "Building a Community". He presented posters that he would like posted in each classroom and was hoping to get the wood shop to make frames next year for them.

RECOGNITIONS

Tim Dow recognized the parents, staff, administration, SAU Office, School Board Members and City Council for all of their hard work done on the Budget and the May 8th presentation. There was a unanimous vote to fund the budget at what was proposed. A lot of hours were put in and a thank you to all. This year was the best process seen in years.

Paul Doucette recognized Deborah Brown for funding and planning the final SAU Board Dinner prior to the SAU Board Meeting on June 12th. He also donated \$20 towards the dinner.

Deborah Brown recognized Susan Hallett-Cook and Amanda Bergquist for all of their hard work and effort in putting together the PowerPoint presentation which was very informative. As a token of thanks she presented them each with a plant. Mrs. Brown recognized Robyn Keane and Cathy Viau as April 26th was Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day. She stated that they have been a great support and help at the SAU and appreciates all that they do.

Jack Finley recognized the students in the Little Mermaid. The assembly went really well and the students were very drawn in and attentive.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS:

Student Representative Report – Not present

Colby Sawyer: Permaculture/Water Conservation

Stephanie L and Acadia LeBlanc, both from Colby Sawyer College, gave a verbal and PowerPoint presentation regarding their Sr. Cap Stone regarding a community based rain water harvesting. Stephanie presented on permaculture: what is it?; solution orientation/sustainability; why it is so important; and a proposal to work with a diverse group of high school students from September to December, one time per week, and a pre and post self-evaluation questionnaire for them each to complete. Data will be displayed along with positive word associations in a no cost program. Community service hours may be gained. Goal setting, articulation and analysis will be worked on. Stephanie proposed a permaculture garden proposal location for the fall of 2017. Discussion was held regarding why there is a need for a permaculture program for students, alternatives to pesticides, hydroponics and how water and rain water conservation can be incorporated. Acadia presented on water and rain water conservation. Her presentation included information such as: What is water conservation? Why is it important? an example was shown from San Diego, CA (Conservation Garden Park); What is rain harvesting, the uses, the benefits, etc. A before and after survey will be done. The goal is to help change habits. They will meet weekly. An IRB form will be completed. Discussion was held regarding why it is important for students to learn about water conservation. The goal is for sustainability in the community for the future and ecological literacy. Discussion was held regarding filtration systems and the different types available. Some places are already utilizing this such as Dartmouth Hospital and Boston Medical.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Colby Sawyer: Permaculture/Water Conservation programs under the directorship of the Franklin High School Principal Carrie Charette in the fall of 2017, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Technology Plan (Robyn Dunlap)

Robyn Dunlap, IT Director, previously provided the board with a three-year technology plan. The computers currently have a five year lifespan but only a three year warranty. The goal is to develop a solid three year replacement plan and increase the ratio to three computers to every five students and increase the band width in the future for the Franklin Middle School and Paul Smith Elementary School.

Wireless connectivity will also change. There will no longer be allowance of connectivity for personal devices. The goal is to maintain education and digital portfolios are also encouraged. There is also a need to increase keyboarding skills in the elementary school. Discussion was held regarding going to a google platform and be cloud based only. Another goal is to encourage team leaders per area that can also assist people with technology questions. There are concerns that budget constraints is an issue. There needs to be a more specific and monetary breakdown per year to give a larger picture. Deborah Brown provided a sample of a detailed technology plan from another district. At least two computer carts have been taken out of commission and the goal is to get 2-3 carts per year per school at approximately \$7,000 each. It was felt that a 50/50 mix of regular computers and Chromebook would be good. Discussion was held regarding policies for data retention which will be researched further. Discussion was also held regarding surveillance within the schools and how issues are handled and by whom. Discussion was also held regarding property care, bullying, cyberbullying, website publishing, how will success be measured, creation of deliverables, projected outcomes, state requirements with defined measurables, electronic portfolios, and fair use guidelines but also need to make sure that the policies align with the NHSBA policies.

FHS Program of Studies (Carrie Charette)

Some of the Board Members were unable to open the Program of Studies so Carrie Charette will have to print them out for the board for next month. Carrie Charette listed the classes that were added which includes the courses at Winnisquam. Students are still signing up for classes so teaching assignments have not been completed yet. The Program of Studies will need to be approved by the board.

Legislative Report (Werner Horn)

Werner Horn is the Legislator of Merrimack County for Franklin and Hill, District II. Representative Horn stated that they are in close contact with Senate Finance. Representative Horn stated that it is important for people to reach out to their Senators. There will be a severe decrease in Adequacy Aid over the years, around \$7 million. Discussion was held regarding the Stabilization Grant, Governor's proposal for full day Kindergarten funding, letter writing campaigns, direct constituent contact, planning to vote this week, and having the Superintendent contact the Senators on behalf of the board.

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

Update, Audits

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, stated that progress is being made and that the 2016 Franklin School District audit is in draft form and the 2016 SAU audit is being worked on.

Expenditure Report – nothing

Update from Superintendent

Intercampus Partnership with Winnisquam

The Superintendent has reviewed the contract with them and is comfortable with it. This will begin on the first day of the school year for school year 2017-18. This will be the first year of the Pilot program.

Note/RFP for Roof

Amanda Bergquist is working on the RFP and will be sent out very soon. Mrs. Bergquist has also met with the bank. Some handouts were provided by Amanda Bergquist and Superintendent LeGallo. It was also stated that many of the reputable roofers are booked until November. Discussion was held regarding who owns the school buildings and who should be responsible for maintaining their structures. It was stated that under city charter they are only the financial authority. The police and fire departments also have to use their capital reserve funds for their maintenance. Two years into the proposed note, one of the district bonds will be completed. The Franklin City Manager advised that the district use Franklin Savings Bank but can request quotes from other banks. Discussion was held and the district is going with a note rather than a bond bank.

Independent School District

Discussion was held regarding forming a committee to explore potentially becoming an independent school district. The Franklin School District attorney has been contacted and there are no RSAs that drives formation of a committee. If a committee is formed they will be assigning a colleague that has experience with this to the case. The Department of Education does not have any rules or RSAs that dictate the committee makeup. There is nothing in the charter about this as well. It only states that they only hold financial responsibility.

MOTION: Paul Doucette moved to approve the formation of the Independent School District Study Committee, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Discussion was held regarding how long this study may take (18-24 months). If approved after the research is complete it may allow the voters of the city to approve the school district budget. Discussion was held regarding cost and committee make up. Tim Dow will be accepting names and will nominate at a later time. Discussion was also held regarding Northern Pass.

It was clarified that no money was borrowed from Northern Pass by the city to give to the school. This money came from capital reserve, tax money and the Webster substation.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

PSS Principal Search

There are three finalists who have been here to visit the school last week. Interviews will be held with the entire school board tomorrow evening. There will also be a brief non-public session at the end of the meeting to discuss.

21st Century Grant

The Franklin School District has received the 21st Century Grant. The Federal government was talking about not funding this grant. This will be a partnership with the Franklin Recreation Department. This will be used for the afterschool program salary, food, enrichment lessons, etc.

Discussion was held regarding the damage to the front lawn. An estimate has been done of \$1,510. The person(s) who created the damage may need to pay restitution. There may charges brought against them through the courts and/or insurance company.

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of the Special Education Teacher Meghan Naughton at the end of the 2016-17 School Year as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Deborah Brown.

This position will need a replacement.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

There will be an Energy Audit Meeting tomorrow with the representative, Superintendent and Director of Buildings and Grounds.

The Custodial and Support Staff Contract (CBAs) will be moved on to the City Council if approved.

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: 1. Incoming Class of 2021: Successful 8th grade visit at the middle school with Megan Arena and Jeff Jahn to discuss credits, levels of classes, and course offerings. The Students asked excellent questions about transitioning to high school, community service, and expectations. On the same evening, the students and parents attended an informational evening at the high school. There was a large turnout and all parents who attended received “proud parent of a Golden Tornado”; 2. Our seniors have taken part in their Advance Placement exams: Calculus AB and Literature; 3. The Red Cross Senior Class Blood Drive occurred Thursday May 11th in the FHS Gym; 4. Science NECAP will take place the 16th and 17th of May. The students tested will include all juniors and the seniors who did not participate last year based on status; 5. The Band and Chorus participated in a combined concern in the evening on Thursday May 11th at WRHS; 6. A detailed list of upcoming events and dates to be distributed at the board meeting; Recognitions: 1. I am proud to celebrate the Class of 2017 NH Scholars: NH Scholars Kassie Magoon, Lauren Pelletier, Luis Hernandez, NH Scholars Arts, Michayla Sharlow, NH Scholars STEM, Zoe Kaplan, Brianna Judkins, Giovanni Lemon; 2. The chorus and some band members traveled to the state house to play for the governor last month. They represented our district well and had an opportunity to visit with the governor; 3. Cassidy Mazur, has been accepted to participate in a summer program for nursing for college credit; 4. Julie Greenwood- represented FHS at the Lion's April 28th fundraiser at the community center for a senior scholarship; Additional recognitions to follow this document are Lexy Lynch for being chosen to be on the National Honor Society State Board Representative; and Hall's Burner Service owner James DeBernardo for his offer of such a great donation that he is working with Franklin Savings Bank on.

FHS Anime Club overnight in the gym (May 19-20, 2017) and FHS Anime Club team building camping trip (July 18-19, 2017)

MOTION: Susan Hallett-Cook moved to approve the following two fieldtrip/events as presented: FHS Anime Club overnight in the gym (May 19-20, 2017) and FHS Anime Club team building camping trip (July 18-19, 2017), seconded by Scott Burns.

Molly Horn, Teacher and Anime Club Leader did present on both trips.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

2018 Senior Trip – June 2018 – Virginia Beach with Busch Gardens – June 8-10, 2018

Carrie Charette presented on this field trip on behalf of Jule Finley and Miss Dennis. This is a trip that has occurred successfully in the past years without incident.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the 2018 Senior Class Trip to Virginia Beach with Busch Gardens on June 8-10, 2018 as presented, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

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 through the end of the school year; Student Leadership (Lip Sync, bullying workshop with storyteller and teacher appreciation week); STEM (Boat Project – cost, purchase, design and build).

PSS Principal

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, gave a written report to the board regarding the following topics for Paul Smith Elementary School: PSS End of Year Activities. Including the Class Day Parade of June 12th. He was not able to be present.

Approval of Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2017

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2017 as presented, seconded by Paul Doucette.

Motion Passes – 7 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Paul Doucette was not present for that meeting)

Approval of Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2017

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2017 as presented, seconded Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Passes – 7 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Jeff Savary)

NEW BUSINESS - none

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update - done earlier in the meeting

POLICY

Second Reading and Adoption

JBAA – Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence – Students

MOTION: Anya Twarog moved to accept Policy JBAA – Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence – Students for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Jeff Savary.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities

MOTION: Anya Twarog moved to accept Policy JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JIC – Student Conduct

MOTION: Lisa Tremblay moved to accept Policy JIC – Student Conduct for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JICD – Student Conduct, Discipline and Due Process – Safe School Zone

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JICD – Student Conduct, Discipline and Due Process – Safe School Zone for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JICFA – Hazing

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JICFA - Hazing for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JIA – Student Due Process Rights

MOTION: Lisa Tremblay moved to accept Policy JIA – Student Due Process Rights for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JICDD – Student Discipline Out of School Actions

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept Policy JICDD – Student Discipline Out of School Actions for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JICI – Weapons on School Property

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to accept Policy JICI – Weapons on School Property for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

JICC – Student Discipline and Due Process

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to accept Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses for second reading and adoption as presented, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Late Items - None

Committee Reports:

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

Buildings/Grounds/Fields – Jeff Savary stated that they met with Colby Sawyer College last month and saw their presentation.

Finance Committee/Capital Improvement – Deborah Brown stated that they have not met. And that they are finished with the Joint City Council for now. They did have a Capital Improvement Committee meeting and they support the roof at the Middle School being done and looking to revise the Capital

Improvement list. The item must be \$25,000 or more to qualify as a capital improvement. They are working on a five year plan. There will be a Capital Improvement Workshop on May 22nd.

Scholarship Committee – Tim Dow stated that they are going to be reviewing applications on the 23rd at 7:00 PM in Non-Public Session.

Wellness Committee – Daniel LeGallo stated that they have finished the draft wellness policy which will be brought before the Policy Committee. They are meeting again this Thursday.

I² Committee – Scott Burns stated that they had met and discussed the dropout rate and community service hours.

Communications/Strategic Planning Committee – Scott Burns shared information regarding the benchmark indicators, the potential loss of \$800,000 over the next several years from the drop in stabilization, and 17-18% drop in enrollment statewide. Carrie Charette is working with students who have dropped out and is trying to help to get them back into school in some sort of capacity. Discussion was also held regarding the CATCH Housing Program. The Charter School will be moving. The new Mayor is Scott Clarenbach.

Negotiations – Support Staff and Custodians – Deborah Brown stated that this will be discussed in Non-Public.

Policy Committee – Anya Twarog stated that they will be working on technology policies.

PUBLIC PARTICIATION

Tina Thurber, Ward II, stated that the district needs to look at the technology and art in the elementary school. She was asked to meet or speak to the superintendent about her concerns but there are things in process. There will be a transitional period with having a new Principal. There are scholarship programs for Arts. Without sufficient technology programs being taught it makes a difference on test scores.

Kelsey Fleury graduated from Franklin High School and is now a teacher at Paul Smith Elementary School. She stated she is not an art teacher. The kids deserve more and the school needs to get more creative with scheduling. The teachers and parents need to collaborate and work on changes.

The issue is the teachers are bound by a CBA. She also thanked the teachers and parents for all that they do. It is important for students to learn different types of art. It was mentioned that maybe once per month parents can choose an artist present on it to students. It was mentioned that Colby Sawyer and UNH have great arts programs. It was asked if student teachers could be used but it was stated they would have to be overseen by someone who is accredited in that area. It was also mentioned to use students and gain community service hours.

The board was thanked for the Teacher Appreciation Day cake.

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

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3, paragraph IIb/c at 8:45 PM, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:34 PM, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the 2017-18 teacher nomination list as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Anya Twarog.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Susan Hallett Cook had to leave at 9:35 PM.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the one year Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Jeff Savary.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the one year Custodial Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Jeff Savary.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the reconsideration for the Administration Staff and non-contracted employees the insurance remaining the same as presented by the Business Administrator, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding the truck used for the district. The truck passed only for one year and is in need of more repairs. Three quotes were obtained by three dealerships. Discussion was held that the school cannot go into the city bid or state bid. It was asked to try to negotiate with the local business first.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session of May 15, 2017 for three years, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Adjournment

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 9:45 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous