

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

**Absent Board Members:** Robin Gargano, Paul Doucette,

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

**Others:** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Desrochers, Mrs. Savary, Melissa Gross, Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

**Call to Order by Tim Dow, Chairperson, at 7:31 PM**

**Salute to the Flag**

***2017-18 Budget***

Tim Dow, Chairperson, thanked everyone who was able to attend tonight's meeting regarding discussion of the 2017-18 Budget.

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo stated that he had attended the Franklin City Council Meeting Monday night. The Franklin City Manager presented a recommendation of approximately \$750,000 to help close the shortfall for the school district's 2017-18 budget. It seems to be the consensus of the City Council that they agree on this recommendation. There was no official vote taken but one will be asked for on Monday Night when the school budget is presented.

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, stated that they have met with City Manager Dragon and City Finance Manager Judie Milner. (They discussed the proposed budget the City would like to see of \$14,323,839 (If you include food service it is \$14,955,808. If you include the budget with grants it would be over \$16 million.) A grant sheet was handed out. This gave a breakdown of what each grant covers. The Superintendent and Business Administrator met with the administrators to discuss the overall budget. There still needs to be an adjustment to the benefit lines totaling approximately \$2,000. The additional cuts that needed to be made to make the city's recommendation is \$411,053.32. There will be a need to go into non-public for further discussion as it pertains to personnel.

**MOTION:** Jeffery Savary moved to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91A:3 paragraph IIa (Personnel) at 7:36 pm, seconded by Scott Burns.

(Non-Public session included the Superintendent, Business Administrator, all the board members present, administration and Cathy Viau – School Board Clerk)

**Roll Call Vote – All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Jeff Savary moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:54 pm, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Roll Call Vote – All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

A revised budget was given to the board and administration.

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to reluctantly send forward the budget amount of \$14,955,808 as requested by the City, seconded by Scott Burns.

Many board members expressed their frustrations and reluctance to send forward the budget requested by the city as it affects the teachers and staff and would prefer to have the school budget fully funded. In lieu of good faith they will move forward but will continue to try to fully fund education. It was decided that it was better to loose only 3 teachers rather than 15-17 teachers. They recognize that the city is now making an effort to give the school more funding. According to the charter for the city gives the financial authority to the city versus the school as to how much the school district will be allocated. It was also stated that it has been previous generations responsibility to be sure the student's receive proper education and funding now it is "our turn" to make sure that students are well rounded and not take away programs or lose accreditation. This cannot occur if the budget for the school district continues to be reduced. The hope is to eventually get more funding from state and federal agencies. It is the intent to get a formal vote from the city regarding their proposed funding. Loosing teachers could consequently affect accreditation, which is very serious. Every reduction affects the education of the students.

**Motion Carried (Reluctantly) - Unanimously**

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. It was proposed to have a cake and refreshments sent to each school on Friday for all the teachers and staff as a small token of appreciation. The SAU will be ordering, funding and delivering these items.

Mrs. Savary expressed her concerns that she feels the board is being bullied into making this decision to again reduce the budget and make more cuts.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 8:03 PM, seconded by Anya Twarog.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**