

1 **Board Member Attendees:** Scott Burns, Tim Dow, Deborah Brown, Jeff Savary (arrived 6:28 PM),  
2 Anya Twarog, Susan Hallett-Cook, Paul Doucette, Delaney Carrier and Chris Kneeland

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4 **Absent Board Members:**

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6 **Administration:** Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator;  
7 Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Carrie Charette – FHS Principal; Susan Blair – PSS Principal; Robyn  
8 Dunlap – IT Director; Rebecca Butt – Special Education Director; Dan Sylvester – Athletic Director

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10 **Others:** Franklin Residents (2), and Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

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

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14 **Salute to the Flag**

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16 Jennifer Weaver, spoke on behalf of her son. Mrs. Weaver is also the representative for the Teachers’  
17 Union. She stated that they spent months in this room trying to get teachers what they deserve. She also  
18 stated that we are here for the kids who deserve sports and other activities to keep kids busy and out of  
19 trouble. It is time to get the budget fully funded. Chopping sports is not the solution.

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21 Dan Sylvester stated that the soccer enrollment is high. There already have been many sports cut from  
22 the budget over the years. Sports keep many children engaged and participating in school more as it is a  
23 requirement from NHIAA and schools giving them accountability. We want to be more appealing for  
24 people to move in, cutting sports is not the way to go rather funding education is. Participation in sports  
25 provides students with the motivation and accountability for academics, teamwork, mentorship, and  
26 leadership.

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28 Wrestling, winter cheer, golf and all level B teams were already eliminated. Coaches have not received  
29 an increase in pay for eight years. Can possibly cut indoor track (3 students); fall cheer (2 students);  
30 bass fishing (4 students) which totals \$6,000. The following numbers are the current participation rates:  
31 High School – field hockey (17), football (29), coed soccer (24), cheer (2), fall volleyball (19), bass  
32 fishing (4), girls basketball (19), boys basketball (18), indoor track and field (4), softball (23), baseball  
33 (22), outdoor track and field (20), unified volleyball (12), totaling 211 students; Middle School – field  
34 hockey (14), football (16), coed soccer (18), cheer (8), girls basketball (13), boys basketball (13),  
35 softball (14), baseball (13), track and field (25), totaling 148 students. Students are required to keep their  
36 grades and attendance up to remain on the team. Discussion was held regarding uniforms, SALT  
37 (Student Athlete Leadership Team) and other sports related topics.

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39 Mrs. Weaver expressed the importance of sports and extracurricular activities when applying for the  
40 military and colleges. They are looking for characteristics in their recruits to be team players.

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42 There is a serious lack of state and local funding for education.

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44 Discussion was held regarding the following:

- 45 • Page 12 High school dues and fees

- 1 • Page 5 Music – Books
- 2 • Grants received
- 3 • Page 6 New Furniture
- 4 • Page 23 OT voted to reduce by \$20,000 not \$30,000
- 5 • Page 12 Tuition Voc Ed increased to \$90,000
- 6 • Page 3 Should be \$2,000 not \$3,000
- 7 • Page 35 Propane
- 8 • Page 37 Transportation Voc Ed (\$41,288, \$41,688, \$43,143)
- 9 • Coaches' salaries lack of raise in 8 years
- 10 • Currently at \$15.2 million and needs to be a \$14.1 million
- 11 • Not adequate supplies for education and learning
- 12 • Will be seeing an increase in revenue from the city \$316,000 since last year
- 13 • City values have increased

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15 **MOTION:** Paul Doucette moved to approve and move forward to the City of Franklin a budget of  
16 \$15,272,335.19 for the 2018-19 School Year, seconded by Chris Kneeland.

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18 **Motion Carried – Unanimous**

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20 Other topics discussed included: the inability to control or change contracts, cost of living, and certain  
21 expenses. The energy audit will be discussed at the next City Council Meeting. In depth discussion was  
22 held regarding the important key parts to share with city council regarding the serious need to approve  
23 the energy audit to assist with cost savings.

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25 Further discussion was held regarding the budget process and presentation. It is important for the city  
26 council to know how catastrophic the budget reduction from the proposed budget will be which could be  
27 a reduction of around 18 teachers/staff members. There is a timeline of when RIFs and contracts need  
28 to go out. Since the budget process began there has already been \$827,000 reduced from the budget.

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30 **Adjournment**

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32 **MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 7:09 PM, seconded Anya Twarog.

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34 **Motion Carried – Unanimous**

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