

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
January 13, 2016
6:30pm

Present: Tim Magnant, Chairperson, Thomas Gates, Bob Berger. Joyce Hakey, Principal, Becky Hart, Business Manager, Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary. Win Goodrich was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.

- Agenda Revision

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger made motion, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the December 15, 2015 board minutes as presented. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Financial Report: Becky Hart provided the financial report reflecting the expenditures and revenues with an estimated carryover. The board reviewed the report.

Check Warrants: Becky Hart handed out the check warrants for the board's review and approval. Vote 3-0. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the December check warrants. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Tuition Rate: The tuition rate must be announced annually no later than January 15th. Becky presented the proposed tuition rate of \$5,020 for Kindergarten and \$10,041 for grades 1-6. This rate does not include Special Education cost and transportation. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to approve the tuition rate of \$5020 for Kindergarten and \$10,041 for Grades 1-6. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

FY17 Budget: The board reviewed the budget revisions. The health insurance was decreased to reflect participation. The dental insurance was decreased to reflect a 5.7% decrease in the announced premium. The board discussed a request to consider hiring a part time Art Teacher and what other options there might be. The Supervisory Union assessments were revised to reflect the approved budgets from the January 7th, 2016 Franklin Northwest SU board

meeting. Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to approve the FY17 budget of \$1,782,001. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Executive Session:

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to enter executive session for a contract issue at 7:05pm. The board exited executive session at 7:58pm.

Tractor Agreement: The board discussed the existing tractor agreement and will meet with the Select Board to discuss changes.

Principal's Report

School Happenings: Joyce Hakey reported that they had successful holiday activities. She thanked the parents and room mothers for all of their assistance as well as Tim Magnant for driving the tractor and providing a hay ride to all of the students. Drama is going well. Debbie Berger is directing "The Little Mermaid" which will be presented on February 5th and 6th.

Basketball season is underway. Joyce Hakey and Nancy Wilson are doing chess club after school for grades 3-6. Skiing has been cancelled twice so they hope they can go on January 19th. The PTO will soon be starting their cookie dough fundraiser. There will be an in-service day on January 18th. They will be reviewing progress, updating goals, and planning for the remainder of the year. Joyce reported that the security cameras have been installed.

Hot Lunch Review: A lot of work went into preparing for the hot lunch review from the state that we were randomly chosen for. Joyce thanked Lora McAllister for all of the work she did for the review for the SU. Franklin school was visited but Lora had to provide information for all of the schools in the SU. Donna & Carolyn did a great deal of work in their preparation as well. The auditors were very impressed with the binder they had prepared with all of their documentation and just about everything in the program. The review team was very thorough and were at the school from about 7am to 5:30pm. The auditors gave many compliments and stated that the Franklin Hot Lunch program "rocked"! Kudos to Donna Sartwell and Carolyn Bushey for such great hot lunch reviews. There were just a few very minor items that needed to be addressed. Also, Joyce and Sue Sartwell are responsible for the hot lunch applications/verification and there were no errors in Franklin.

Date of Public Meeting: The board set a date of February 9th at 6pm for their next school board meeting with a 7pm FY17 Public Budget Information meeting. A power point presentation will be prepared along with putting out copies of the budget and fliers around town.

Tim sought input from Bob and Tom regarding the school directors' report for the annual report. Bob is planning to run again for a three year term and Tom will run for the remainder of the two year school director's term.

Act 46 Update:

The board discussed Act 46 and the public forum held on January 5th. The board was pleased with how many people turned out and the cross section of people who attended as well as the many positive comments about the school.

Meeting

- Next Franklin School Board Meeting February 9, at 6:00pm;
Budget Informational meeting at 7pm FY17

Motion to adjourn, moved by Bob Berger, seconded by Thomas Gates at 9:20pm. pm. The board approved 3-0 vote.
