

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
October 26, 2016  
6:30pm**

**Present: Board Members:** Tim Magnant, Chairperson, Thomas Gates, Bob Berger, Joyce Hakey, Principal, Winton Goodrich, Superintendent, Becky Hart, Business Manager, Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

**Others present: None**

**AGENDA**

**Call Meeting to Order-** Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Agenda Revision-Tim requested to move Budget Development under Financial Report.

**Visitors from Community and Staff: None**

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

**Check Warrants:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the check warrants for March totaling \$133,568.80. The board approved 3-0 vote.

**Financial Report:** Becky Hart reported that Special Education expenditures were over expended and an increase in health insurance participation are resulting in a projected deficit but it is very early in the year. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to accept the financial report on a 3-0 vote.

**Executive Session:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to enter executive session inviting Win Goodrich, Joyce Hakey, Becky Hart and Pierrette Bouchard for contracts, and negotiations at 7:03pm. The board exited executive session at 7:27pm.

### **Principal's Report:**

**SBAC Samples:** Joyce had presented the board statewide results at the last meeting and showed SBAC samples this meeting.

**NECAP Science:** Joyce went over the local grade 4 science results with 75% of Franklin students scored a 3 or better as compared to 29% in the Supervisory Union and 48% at the State. She also showed some science sample tasks. Joyce was really pleased with how hard the students worked and how well they did.

**School Happenings:** Joyce reported that they had a fabulous turn out for Grandparents' Dinner. They also had a cider pressing demonstration by Bill Mayo with help from Jay Denault, Paula Tremblay, Bob Engstrom and Stephanie Ho. She congratulated the spelling team and Mrs. Birkheimer. She congratulated Brye Trainer who was recognized at UVM Outstanding Teachers' Day celebration. Kathy Rouleau will be supporting grades 1, 2 and 3 teachers on Fridays integrating additional art in the classroom. The Safety Fun Party is Monday evening. Parent conferences are next week. She thanked all the volunteers for their help with the soccer program. Joyce let the board know that the Rec Department would like to attend the next school board for a discussion regarding their plans.

**Action Plan:** Joyce handed out the 2016-2017 Action Plan to the Board.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

**VEHI Health Care:** Win reported that there are four healthcare plans with higher deductibles and lower premiums. The higher the deductible the lower the premium. These are serious choices which will impact negotiations and employees' pay checks. The effective date of these new plans is January 1, 2018.

**Act 46 Update:** Bob reported that they have been meeting every other week. They are trying to meet all the bullet points for alternative structures. They want to move forward so that they have a product for the end of December although that will be a difficult timeline to meet. There is a lot of data that must be considered. They are going through the phases of merger vs the current structure. The committee is researching ways that we already collaborate, how we can collaborate more, barriers to consolidation, and any potential benefits of merging etc. Win stated that they have initiated conversations with Bakersfield, Alburgh,

Berkshire and Montgomery about a side by side with Sheldon. The committee has to explore alternative structures, demonstrate meeting education quality standards as well as efficiency.

NARCAN: Schools are receiving Narcan especially at the higher grade levels to have on hand in case they need to use it to save lives.

Alcohol and Drug Policy: The grant requires the school district to combine policies. Win will bring a draft of the revised policy to the board.

Drone Policy: Win explained that there has been drones taking live video footage of a game at MVU. This has raised concerns regarding student safety, safety for the airport nearby, and issues if the drone should crash and cause damage/injury. Win will bring some drone model policy language for the board to consider.

Board Goals: The board reviewed their goals and agreed to focus on two goals of supporting the school in maintaining student learning focus and collaborating with the Franklin community and other FNWSU school districts to analyze potential impact of Act 46.

- Support the school in maintaining student learning focus
  - Provide assessment results at board meetings
  - Identify many types of student achievement
  - Support the goals outlined in the school action plan

- Collaborate with the Franklin community and other FNWSU school districts to analyze potential impact of Act 46
  - Participation on the Independent Study Committee
  - Collaboration with the other FNWSU districts
  - Complete an unbiased, factual governance study

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- FNWSU Board Meeting - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in Franklin
- Franklin Board Meeting - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm @ Franklin

The board will not meet in November because of the early meeting date in December. Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to adjourn at 9:24pm. The board approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Gates, School Board Clerk  
by Pierrette Bouchard School Board Secretary

