

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
November 24, 2015  
6:30pm**

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

**Others present:** Town of Franklin Select-Board members: Yvon Dandurand, Peter Magnant, Andy Godin, Brooks Sturtevant.

**AGENDA**

**Call Meeting to Order-** Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

- Agenda Revision

**Visitors from Community and Staff: None**

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the October 20, 2015 board minutes as presented. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

**Executive Session:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to enter executive session for contract issues inviting Becky Hart and Win Goodrich at 6:45 pm. Board approved 3-0 vote. The Board exited executive session at 6:52 pm.

**Check Warrants:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the check warrants for September totaling \$125,361.92 and October totaling \$251,507.94. The board approved 3-0 vote.

**Business Report:** Becky Hart handed out draft 2 of the FY17 budget. She updated property insurance lines, adjusted dental insurance premiums decreasing next year, and updated Supervisory Union assessment lines. She hopes to have equalized student numbers from the state and revenue numbers at the next meeting.

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

**School Happenings:** Joyce Hakey thanked the Franklin Fire Department for their fire safety presentation at the school. She was very proud of the effort by parents and staff for the 100% parent conferences participation. Franklin and the Supervisory Union will now be using The Messenger System for school closings. Central Office will be conducting a test for all of the schools after Thanksgiving. Joyce thanked Charles Magnant who did a wonderful job speaking during the school's Veterans Day program. Joyce reported that they have the volunteers for all the basketball coaching and Ashley and Jen McConnell will coordinate the ski program again this year. **NECAP Science:** Joyce showed the board some samples of the science tasks from the NECAP Science Assessment which is only given in fourth grade. Unfortunately, this past year the science testing window was during all of the SBAC testing. Franklin's fourth grade had 55% of students proficient/proficient with distinction Franklin Northwest scored 35% and the state averaged 46%.

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

**Act 46 Update:** Win stated that this is a key time to advocate legislators on the allowable growth provision of Act 46. The committee hosted a hearing on November 18<sup>th</sup> and are looking at making revisions to this provision in early January. The FNWSU Act 46 study committee met in November with Tim representing Franklin. The discussion centered around planning and coordination of preK-12 curriculum. The challenge Franklin Northwest SU has is Sheldon with a K-8 School and high school choice structure. One option is for Franklin to merge with Highgate and Swanton with MVU as the designated high school. The next Act 46 Advisory Committee will take place in Highgate. There will be an Act 46 public forum on the roll out of the study findings in Franklin on January 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be publicized with a flier in different locations in town and websites. At that time, the board can decide to move forward or not move forward to do a deeper \$20,000 study with a grant from the Agency of Education. The study would probably go through spring and summer with the finding coming out probably coming out in November 2016 and a possible ballot vote in March 2017. Peter Magnant expressed his desire to keep our community and our school as is without the merger and his concern that there be an unbiased reporting of the findings.

**Snow Removal Deliberation:** Peter Magnant stated that Yvon Dandurand has obtained quotes for snow removal tractor replacement. The Select-Board thought that the school and the town could use the current tractor for an

additional year and not budget for a replacement at this time. Tim Magnant felt that he and a Select-Board member should take a look at the tractor to see if it is in good enough condition and will hold up for another year. They discussed the current issues they have been experiencing with the tractor.

Town Meeting: Peter Magnant reported that the Select-Board has reviewed Town Meeting Day and the thinning crowds they have had in the afternoon. They are proposing getting started at 9:00 am in an effort to get more things accomplished with more townspeople present. The School Board was willing to try this to see if it would be successful. (The Select-Board left the meeting).

Professional Learning: Win Goodrich reported last year five representatives from the Supervisory Union attended a conference with top national speakers. They were most impressed with Anthony Muhammed who spoke about school culture. With a school improvement grant received by Highgate, Swanton and Sheldon (in order to receive the grant the school had to receive Title I funding and be in "school improvement"), the Supervisory Union has contracted him to speak and perform a school culture audit. He will be speaking on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> in a local location still to be announced. All board members are invited to attend. Win also showed a SBAC Comparison of proficiency within Franklin County.

Next board meetings:

- Next Franklin School Board Meeting December 15th @ 6:30 pm.
- FNWSU Board Meeting Dec. 2nd in Sheldon.
- Act 46 Study Committee Meeting-December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Highgate.
- Act 46 Community Forum and Study Committee Findings-Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Franklin.

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to enter executive session at 8:45pm to discuss the school safety audit. The board approved 3-0 vote. The board exited executive session at 9:05pm. Tim Magnant declared the board meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

