

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
December 15, 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: None

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:42pm.

- Agenda Revision

Visitors from Community and Staff: None

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the November 24, 2015 board minutes as presented. 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 November totaling \$294,398.02. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Financial Report: Tim declared the end of November financial report approved.

Business Report: Becky Hart handed out draft 3 of the FY17 budget. She adjusted dental insurance premiums decreasing next year. She reviewed the tax rate calculation and anything over the threshold gets counted twice. At this time Franklin is over the cap by \$56 per equalized student due to the 4.23 reduction in number of equalized students. The state is now using the property yield formula instead of the base tax rate. At this time, the tax rate appears to remain the same as last year.

Executive session: Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to enter executive session inviting Becky Hart, Pierrette Bouchard and Joyce Hakey for a contract issue at 7:40pm. The board exited executive session at 7:55pm.

Principal's Report:

Joyce Hakey reported the Act 46 flier has been distributed to the public in a variety of ways including the town and school website and in public places around town. There was a holiday concert on Friday. Jen McConnell did a wonderful job and raises the bar every year on the music presented including new additional performances. Thanks to Bob for helping out with the technical difficulties. The hot lunch review that we were randomly chosen for by the State of Vermont has been re-scheduled to Monday, Dec. 21st. Joyce had her annual personal holiday thank you to all the staff. The school received the 2016 Farm to School grant in the amount of \$8,700.

Congratulations to Annie Wagner and the Farm To School Committee for their success in the grant award which the state said was very competitive. The school also received the Berlin City Drive to Education grant of \$1,000.

Superintendent's Report:

Act 46 update: The Act 46 committee has set four dates for a Public Forum. They have set January 5th in Franklin, Jan. 13th in Swanton, Jan. 20th in Sheldon and Jan. 27th at Highgate School all starting at 6:30pm. The current study defines the questions that will need to be answered in the \$20,000 study should the individual school district boards decide to move forward. Win will get the report to the board as soon as he receives it from the consultant.

Muhammed Professional Learning: Muhammed had two days of inspiring and wonderful presentations. He explained having each student with personalized learning plans. He recommended sitting down with every student to define their passion and then having the school professionals assist them in back planning on the courses needed to achieve their goals along with visiting the work places in their chosen field. The schools build a culture of learning for children. February 1st is the last presentation at the Legion Hall in St. Albans.

Wellness Grant: The SU will know by Friday on whether they will be receiving a \$10,000 grant or not. The intent is to have employees attain health through nutrition and exercise.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act: Congress has passed a new congressional bill "Every Student Succeeds Act" replacing No Child left Behind.

Next board meetings:

- Next Franklin School Board Meeting January 14th @ 6:30pm.
- Act 46 Community Forum and Study Committee Findings-Jan. 5th at 6:30pm in Franklin.
- FNWSU Board Meeting January 6th in Franklin.

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to adjourn at 9:15pm. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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