

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
December 16, 2014 (Meeting rescheduled from Dec. 10, 2014)
6:30pm

Present: Tim Magnant, Chairperson, David Rood, Bob Berger. Winton Goodrich, Superintendent of Schools, Joyce Hakey, Principal, Becky Hart, Business Manager, Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary.

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

- Agenda Revision

Public Comments-None

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger moved seconded by David Rood to approve the November 18, 2014 board minutes as presented. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Financial Report: Becky Hart stated that with the e-rate reimbursement, the deficit is under \$12,000. Bob Berger made motion, seconded by David Rood to approve the financial report on a 3-0 vote.

Check Warrants: Motion to approve December check warrants totaling \$423,328.25 moved by David Rood seconded by Bob Berger. The board approved the motion 3-0 vote.

Budget Development: Joyce Hakey went over the revisions made to the budget since draft one which include the adjustments to the dental insurance premiums, changes in the Franklin Northwest SU assessments, the removal of the extended day transportation cost, and other miscellaneous reductions to bring the percentage increase down to 1.89%. During budget discussion, the board reviewed educational and financial implications of changing Kindergarten hours. Joyce is looking into increased recess and lunch time. Win announced the state of VT received a preschool grant for 4 year olds with families meeting the criteria going to school 30 hours a week.

Bob Berger moved, seconded by David Rood to enter executive session for contracts at 7:05pm. The board approved the motion 3-0. Tim Magnant declared the board out of executive session at 7:10pm. The board reviewed the article to purchase mowing equipment (to be shared with the Town) at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 to be repaid over a term of three years.

Principal's Report

School Happenings: Joyce Hakey reported that they had the concert last Friday. The chorus, band and all grades did well. She thanked Jennifer McConnell for an excellent concert. They raised over \$600 from a food sale and popcorn to benefit the food shelf along with canned foods. The school received a Farm to School Grant and a Berlin City Grant. Joyce thanked and congratulated Annie Wagner and Brye Trainer for writing the respective grants. Joyce reported that they have had students do the SBAC training test but teachers in VT still do not have access to the digital library resources or interim assessments to help prepare for the new testing. Joyce has spoken with Vice President of Sales for Alert Solutions and the school will be getting a refund check for the entire amount they paid Alert Solutions. The VP said that they have had so much business it has been difficult for them to cope and that Franklin is not the only place that has had problems with their messaging. The company will be continuing to try to address the issues they have. Joyce did a presentation on PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) and SMART goals. Joyce reported that the heater core they ordered will need to be the whole unit as it has been re-designed (probably because it had leaking issues). Joyce shared copies of the newspaper articles that have been in the Messenger about Franklin School. Joyce handed out a copy of a draft of the Principal's Report.

Meeting Dates

- FNWSU Board Meeting - January 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM @ Sheldon School.
- Next Franklin School Board Meeting Jan. 7th at 6:30pm in Sheldon to adopt the budget and January 20th at 6:30pm.
- Strategic Planning Meeting on January 28 from 2:30-8:30pm @ MVU.

Motion to Adjourn, Bob Berger moved, seconded by David Rood at 8:20pm.
