

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
December 5, 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: Bridget Thompson, Bridgette Favreau, Stephanie Ho, Nicole Tatro, Annie Wagner

AGENDA

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

Agenda Revision: None

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the October 26, 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 October totaling \$244,970.32. The board approved 3-0 vote. Thomas Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to approve the check warrants for November totaling \$243,867.31. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Budget: Becky Hart reported that since the last meeting, she updated the teachers' salaries. The Special Education and Early Education Grant revenues are coming in directly to the Supervisory Union office where the expenses occur. Becky netted the revenues against the expense as this is what will be assessed by the Supervisory Union to the local district. The increase now reflects a negative number. The student numbers and revenues will come out on December 15th so she will not be able to anticipate the tax rate until this time.

Executive Session: Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to enter executive session for negotiations at 6:50pm. The board exited executive session at 6:57pm.

Visitors from Community and Staff: The Franklin Recreation board committee presented their proposal and vision of the development of a

recreation department for the Town of Franklin. Bridget Thompson explained that their hope was to include the basketball and soccer program along with many other activities. They want to offer a program that will eventually transcend all generations. They have developed a budget and a mission statement. They have met with other recreation departments from the neighboring towns of Highgate, Swanton and Enosburg to get feedback from them. They would like to hire a .25 FTE Recreation Director. Enosburg had tried to operate without a director but found they needed someone to keep it sustainable and to help coordinate the program. Their 1-3 year plan is to continue with existing programs, such as coordinate with Zumba, and incorporate a cross country ski trail amongst other things. They will need storage space and hope to build a small building down near the sports fields. The committee spoke about using the land behind the Town Garage, possibly build an outdoor ice rink, with the Watershed and the Campers Association. This evening, they wanted discuss the school's basketball and soccer programs being operated through the Recreation Program. The Recreation Dept is considering charging a small fee for each participating student to cover costs for shirts, and end of the season recognition awards/trophies. They will have scholarships for the students who can not afford the fee. Tim Magnant stated that the school will continue to mow the fields and trim but wanted the Recreation Department to provide a port-o-let and prepare the fields for practices/games that are scheduled. The school will donate equipment and uniforms for the basketball and soccer programs but if at some point the Recreation Department should dissolve, anything donated by the school would revert back to the school. Win suggested that they contact Rise Vermont who promotes wellbeing and encourage healthy choices as an option for adults and children. Bridget explained that she has already been in contact with them and Amy Brewer. The Recreation Dept. Committee left at 7:35pm.

Business Report (continued): Becky Hart passed out a Title I five year funding transition plan. She pro rated \$150,000 that Missisquoi Valley Union School may be receiving in five years from Title I. Franklin will may see their Title I funds reduced by about \$2,812 annually over a five year period.

Principal's Report

School Happenings: Joyce thanked the volunteers for keeping the Safety Fun Party going again this year. It was well attended. The following members of the fire department, Jeremy Ratta, Adam Kane, Mark Toof and Marshall Ploof, did a fire safety presentation to the Franklin School last week. They had fire truck

rides for the winners of Home Safety Plans. They had excellent participation for the Red Ribbon Week, a national anti drug and alcohol program. They completed a successful Meadow Farms Fund Raiser. They had 99% parent participation in the parent/teacher conferences. The Thanksgiving dinner was well attended. The holiday dinner is scheduled for December 14th. She thanked the volunteers for the successful soccer program. Jen McConnell and Ashley Bachelder are organizing the ski program. All the ski dates are on Tuesday. The Concert is planned for Dec. 16th with a snow date of Dec. 20th. Hampstead Players are coming on Dec. 21st. Their famous wagon rides will take place on the 22nd. The generator is getting older. The tables are installed in the cafeteria. Thanks to Steve Ballard for coming in over Thanksgiving Break to get this project completed. Kathy Rouleau will work with the teachers on True Colors (Art) for grades 1-3.

Composting: Joyce recently talked with Aaron Shepard of Northwest Solid Waste Management District about doing on site compost pick up. The board and school have been interested in composting for a while but there has been no onsite composting pick up. He met with Donna, Steve and Joyce. The composting began the week after Thanksgiving Break.

Superintendent's Report:

Data Days: Joyce reviewed the presentation that she, Heather Digby and Brye Trainer did at Central Office regarding the school's cross cutting goal. Win said it has been fabulous working with all the schools on data days. They have a couple of reporting times during the year meeting with the Superintendent, School Leaders and the Curriculum Coordinator. Win commended Joyce on the wonderful job. Joyce went over school report information. Activities are supported by volunteers.

Act 46 Update: Bob reported that they have been meeting every other week. They have discussed a proposal to merge the Supervisory Union Board with the MVU board. The benefit would be that there would be one pre-K 12 perspective. The drawbacks are numerous questions about transparency, and work flow. They are looking at alternative structures and at other options outside of the Supervisory Union. They are also looking at equity in each of the schools. The offerings in each school are pretty well aligned. They are building a narrative around equity. They will be looking at historical vs current results and merged structure vs what we have currently. The Superintendent State of the Union provides a narrative of the school in review, summarizes the activities

and happenings that have occurred in the past school year. Need to address the disparity amongst the schools re the same teacher classroom level collaborations meeting together amongst the SU. If Swanton merged with MVU/SU, what would the other schools do? Highgate and Franklin will need to assess their equity at MVU. The next Act 46 meeting is on Dec. 14th at 7pm at MVU.

Vision for World Class Education: Win reported on the vision for World Class Education. Vermont's children require a world-class education system, a system that responds to every learner's interests, aptitude and learning style in highly effective ways, a system that ensures all students have the opportunity to meet their full potential. To move the system forward, there is a five point agenda: Assuring Success for Every Student♣ Supporting a New Vision for Teaching and Learning♣ Engaging and Supporting Families and Communities♣ Delivering and Using World-Class Technology♣ Providing Effective Leadership♣ Future policy development and local action should guide our goals in this vision.

Win reported that the AOE Integrated Field Review has been cancelled. There are too many things on our agenda this year.

Next Meeting Dates:

FNWSU Board Meeting - January 4th at 6:30pm at MVU
Franklin Board Meeting - January 5th at 6:30pm in Franklin

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to adjourn at 8:55pm. The board approved 3-0.

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