

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM & LIBRARY
February 16, 2015
6:30 PM

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,

Others Present: Rick Colman, Bob Irish, Anne Wagner, Yvon Dandurand, Peter Magnant, Brooks Sturtevant, Pam Greene, Dave Bennron.

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.

- Agenda Revision

Public Comments-None

6:30pm The board reviewed the power point presentation and information for the budget informational meeting.

7:00pm The budget informational community presentation began. Tim Magnant welcomed everyone for their attendance. Tim presented the budget information from the power point. The FY16 proposed budget is \$1,716,922 representing a 1.96% increase over the current year's budget. State law requires that all Special Education professional staff and benefits be transferred to the Supervisory Union. The school completed the roof replacement in 2012 resulting in \$40,000 annual principal payments through December 2017. The School Board continues to collaborate with the Select Board to seek efficiencies. The School Board included a special article to purchase mowing equipment to be used by the school and the town. The projected K-6 tax rate for the current year is .588. The projected tax rate without the special article is .625 increase. The projected rate with the special article is .633, an increase of 8/10 of a cent. The Vermont Agency of Education indicates that the FY14 budget per equalized pupil ranked 105th out of 105 for elementary schools with a designated union high school. (with Franklin spending the least.)

Peter Magnant commented that the Town appreciates sharing combination mowing/snow removal tractor with the school. Community members expressed their opposition to school and governance consolidation. Win advised the community members to keep in touch with proposed legislation and communicate their opposition with their representatives. There is a legislative breakfast in Fairfax on February 21st. This is a good opportunity to be active in the legislative process.

The school board discussed a dog that is exhibiting aggressive behavior on the school grounds. Win will communicate with the owner regarding a no trespass order on the school property at any time when people are present.

Meeting Dates

- FNWSU Board Meeting - April 1, 2015 at 6:30 PM.
- Next Franklin School Board Meeting March 17, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Tim Magnant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.