

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special School Board Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2017 9:30am
Franklin Central School**

Present: Tim Magnant (Board Chair), Tom Gates (Board Member), Becky Hart (Business Manager), and Joyce Hakey (Principal)

The meeting was called to order by Tim Magnant at 9:42am.

General Discussion on the FY2018 School Budget Proposal ensued. Reviewed teacher salaries – decrease in Instructional Salaries due to staff changes occurring in FY2017 and the .5FTE preschool teacher position has been moved from Instructional into the Early Childhood Assessment so that all preschool related expenses are in the assessment.

The board moved into Executive Session at 9:56am to discuss contracts and negotiations. The board exited Executive Session at 10:15am and budget discussion continued.

The main cost driver for the FY2018 budget proposal is special education costs, most of which have occurred in the current school year and need to be maintained into the ensuing school year. An additional .6FTE Special Educator was necessary to meet the growing special education caseload, as well as off-site tuition and transportation expense. Special education expenses are funded by the state on a reimbursement basis, so that while these costs are increasing, the revenues are also projected to increase, and the resulting tax rate for K-6 is projected to be 1.4¢.

As noted, however, beginning in FY2018, Special Education revenues will be sent to the supervisory union and these revenues are reflected as net from the expenses in the budget proposal. This change is resulting in a one-time budgetary decrease from the previous year when these revenues were not net from the expenses.

No motions were made related to the budget discussion. Tom Gates will begin work on the Budget powerpoint presentation for Feb 20th meeting. The chart of Franklin County education spending will be drafted. Having no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gates, School Board Clerk
by Becky Hart, Business Manager