

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
March 17, 2015
6:30pm

Present: Tim Magnant, Chairperson, Bob Berger, and Thomas Gates.
Winton Goodrich, Superintendent of Schools, Joyce Hakey, Principal,
Brooks Sturtevant, Yvon Dandurand, Peter Magnant, Andy Godin, Pierrette
Bouchard, School Board Secretary.

AGENDA

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

- Agenda Revision

Board Re-Organization: Win Goodrich requested nominations for the board chairperson. Bob Berger nominated Tim Magnant. Bob requested to close the nominations and cast one ballot for Tim Magnant. Board approved 2-0 vote.

Resignation: The board received a resignation from Thomas Thompson from the board. Bob Berger made motion to accept the resignation. Board approved 2-0.

Board Candidate Interview: The board interviewed Thomas Gates as a candidate for the board. Thomas provided an overview of his experience and why he was interested in serving on the board. After the interview was completed, Bob Berger motioned to appoint Thomas Gates to fill the vacant seat on the board. The board voted 2-0. Sara Rainville came to the meeting to provide the oath of office with Thomas Gates. Tim Magnant requested nominations for the finance committee. Tom Gates nominated Bob Berger. With no other nominations made, the board approved the motion 3-0 vote. Tim requested nominations for vice chairperson. Tom Gates nominated Bob Berger as the vice chair. With no other nominations made, the board approved the motion 3-0 vote. Tim sought nominations for the board clerk. Bob Berger nominated Tom Gates as board clerk. With no other nominations made, the board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Public Comments-The Select-Board came to the school board meeting to review the dog issue and the purchase of the mowing equipment. The Superintendent reported meeting with the dog owner and stipulating that the dog should not be on

school property any time there are people present. If there continues to be a problem, there would be a formal "no trespassing order" sent.

The School Board and the Select Board reviewed some past quotes of mowing equipment from vendors along with the specifications that they would like in the new mowing equipment. The boards agreed they would like to try three different tractors/lawn equipment prior to making a final determination on the purchase of the equipment. The board would like to see the following specs: approximately the following: 60 inch wide deck, 30 horse engine, paid over three years, terms of financing, commercial grade, zero turn, gas or diesel, independent suspension (if available) wish to demo and a five year maintenance agreement. The board will direct the business manager to put the mowing equipment out to bid. A date set of April 15, 2015 board meeting at 6:15pm to review the bids with the Select-board members. The boards also had a short discussion on snow removal equipment and what they may be looking for. The Select Board reviewed open meeting law requirements and discussed about the posting of school board minutes within 5 days. (The Select-board left the meeting.)

Check Warrants: Motion to approve January check warrants totaling \$120,260.22 made by Bob Berger, seconded by Thomas Gates. The board approved the motion 3-0 vote. Motion to approve February check warrants totaling \$95,864.92 was made by Bob Berger, seconded by Thomas Gates. The board approve the motion 3-0 vote.

Principal's Report

School Happenings: Joyce Hakey reported that about 70 seniors enjoyed the Senior Dinner. The theme was "Tall Tales" with grade six as hosts. They enjoyed the whole school participation along with the whole school singing "Working on the Railroad". Congratulations to everyone for a great job carrying out Mrs. Wilson's vision for the day. Win said it was a fabulous event and congratulated the whole school for such a wonderful event. Spirit Week was held prior to vacation with a different theme each day. First grade won for highest percentage participation. The Drama Show was outstanding and well attended. Thanks to Deb Berger (with Bob's help and other parents) for the huge amount of time spent on this production. This is the 53rd year for the Speech Contest. Grade 6 will compete in the contest in the evening of March 26th at 6:30pm. Grade 5 will compete during the day time. The half day in-service is coming up on March 27th. They will be working on SBAC that day. They will have a Penny War for the food shelf the week before vacation.

SBAC Update: Joyce reported that they continue to get resources and information about the SBAC roll out a little at a time from the State. They are continuing to prepare for the assessment. The yearly fire inspection was completed. Franklin was chosen randomly to have an asbestos inspection. The school was built in 1992 and it was stipulated as asbestos free. However, as soon as you do any renovations, you have to do inspections and sampling. The school now has an asbestos management plan, designated person, and has been doing notifications but there will be additional activities that need to happen. The school will receive a letter in a few months regarding required actions.

School Report Info: Joyce usually prepares the school report info annually in March. With the changes in the timing of the statewide testing from the fall to spring, she is thinking that she will do the School Report Information in November.

End of the Year: Joyce stated that they would like to make up one of the two snow days on Memorial Day as they usually do. She wanted to keep April 17 as a parent conference day to prepare for SBAC testing and have Tyler Training. She asked the board if they could have an additional teacher in-service day on June 18th instead of a student day. The board approved having June 17th as the last student day with June 18th & 19th as In-service Days with the provision that if there is an additional snow day, it would be brought back to the board to re-visit.

Superintendent's Report:

Goal Setting: Win would like to review goals from last year at the April board meeting. He will email the board a self-assessment for their completion prior to the April board meeting. Win asked Tom Gates to review the VSBA website and advised him to attend the Essential Work of School Boards workshop on April 2nd from 5-8:30pm.

New Teacher Contract: The negotiations council and the Association have reached a settlement with a three year agreement. The increases were the following: 3 percent of new money in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.65% in year 3. Sheldon will add one day each year to move to a 186 employment day like other school districts except Franklin who remains at 187. Win recommended to Tom Gates to get an independent email for school board purposes only. If a board member is approached by someone with a concern, to assure good communication, they should be directed to follow the protocol (if not satisfied

with the answers, contact the next person in the process) which is teacher, principal, Superintendent and then to the board.

Support Staff Negotiations: They will begin support staff negotiations soon. Because Franklin is not in the union, it will not be applicable to this school.

Professional Contracts: Win presented the professional contracts for the board's review and approval. There was a discussion regarding support staff contracts and the board would like to continue their past practice of issuing a contract for all staff.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger made motion, seconded by Tom Gates to approve the February 4th and Feb. 16th board minutes as presented. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Meeting Dates

- FNWSU Board Meeting - April 1st at 6:30 PM in Franklin.
- Next Franklin School Board Meeting April 15th at 6:15pm
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Motion to Adjourn, Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates at 9:21PM. The board approved on a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gates, Board Clerk
