

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
April 18, 2017
6:30pm

Present: Board Members: Tim Magnant, Chairperson, Thomas Gates, Bob Berger, Joyce Hakey, Principal, Win Goodrich, Superintendent, Becky Hart and Lora McAllister, Business Managers, Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

Others present: Yvon Dandurand and Peter Magnant, Select-Board members of the Town of Franklin.

AGENDA

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

Agenda Revision: None

Correspondence: The board reviewed the equipment agreement between the Town and the School Board and felt that all was going well.

Approval of Minutes Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the March 20th and 21st school board meeting minutes. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Check Warrants Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to approve the check warrants for March totaling \$127,799.75. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Financial Report

Becky Hart went through salaries and insurance items in the financial report to find as many savings as possible as well as updating any grant revenues (as some grant funding have unexpectedly decreased that in the past Franklin had anticipated receiving. The deficit has been reduced to \$5,000 at this point and Joyce and Becky will be looking at under spent lines and continuing to monitor the finances as the year is coming close to the end. Tim Magnant declared the financial report approved.

Superintendent's Report

Legislative Update

Win provided the following Legislative update:

The state is getting it together for fingerprinting and other requirements for schools - Schools responsible for school employees, and CDC/AHS cover private schools.

SLPs licensed by AOE, hospital or private entities will be licensed by the Sec. of State. If you work in schools, you will only need to be licensed by the Agency of Education.

Also the following are viable legislative bills:

Eliminate unfunded mandates

ADM .46 still sent to district and voucher paid to private schools

Legislators will eliminate unfunded mandates.

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) - mental health support

Move principal contract renewal or non-renewal to Feb. 1st

Act 46 will create a new "side-by-side" structure which will create a new opportunity.

New board to address persistent racial disparities

PreK to 12 education spending study committee

Director of Special Services Search Process Update

The search is coming along well. Second interviews were today and moving one person forward to the FNWSU Board meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 6pm. The assistant director is following a few days behind so that the newly hired Special Services director can help choose the assistant.

Hiring Timeline:

April 18 - Second Round Interviews

April 19 - Site Visits

April 20 - Superintendent and SU Board Hiring Decision

Assistant Director of Special Services Search Process Update

Hiring Timeline:

April 12 - Ad Posted

April 21 - Application Review Begins

May 1 - First Round Interviews

May 3 - Second Round Interviews and Superintendent and SU Board Hiring Decision

The new Special Services Director will be responsible for Special Education, 504, EST, ELL, and homeless so that we can create a system that will be seamless. Win will keep everyone apprised on how it is coming along.

The Franklin Northeast is hiring a Superintendent for a two year interim position. The Grand Isle Superintendent is departing. It is a Secretary of Educator's role to determine this.

Executive Session- (First)

Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to enter executive session at 7:05pm for negotiations update. Board approved 3-0. The board exited executive session at 7:20pm.

Equipment Sharing Agreement

Peter Magnant and Yvon Dandurand met with the board to touch base on the equipment sharing agreement. Everyone felt that the sharing of the equipment has been going well. Yvon stated that they received approval to purchase the snow blower and will purchase after July 1st when the new fiscal year begins. Peter mentioned that someone mentioned on Town Meeting Day that the folding chairs were getting hard after sitting on them all day. He wondered if perhaps the town/school should invest in seat cushions. Tim suggested that we mention it at the end of Town Meeting next year to see if perhaps someone may have an idea or may want to donate seat cushions.

Act 46 Update

Bob Berger provided a brief update on Act 46. The next meeting is May 1st. The committee is looking at final comparisons and financials for any possible savings. They are looking to see if there is any support for a new structure or status quo. At this time, no alternative structure seems to have an appeal to any of the representatives on the committee. They will be bringing a recommendation to the Supervisory Union board for their consideration. They may have a referendum vote in September for the communities vote for support on what they are recommending. Royalton and Bethel did not vote to consolidate. Peter and Yvon left at 7:34pm.

Principal's Report

Family Art Night: Joyce Hakey reported that Kathy Rouleau hosted a Family Art night for the parents and community. It was a great success with almost 80 people attending. Congratulations to Kathy for all her work!

Parent Conferences: Joyce stated that they had a great turn out for family conferences with almost all of the families attending.

Half Day In-service: Joyce explained that the staff has always used the $\frac{1}{2}$ day in-service days to work on local assessment data. Next year, there will be no half day in-services and she is concerned about how they will get the time to analyze the data. She feels that Franklin has always used the time well and accomplished a lot on those half days.

Speech Contest: This year's speech contest has celebrated 55 years. The theme was "What is a Hero". The contest is a lot of extra work for teachers, parents, and staff but well worth it for all of the skills the students learn. Joyce was very proud of all the students who stood up in front of everyone to deliver their speeches.

Teacher Leader Academy: Several teachers were interested in doing this for next year. Carrie Toof and Brye Trainer participated this year. They will be presenting information to the rest of the teachers in June. Three teachers have expressed an interest in participating next year.

Reading is an Investment: Joyce reported that Franklin has been unusually lucky in having students being randomly chosen for the \$250 savings account. This year, Franklin received a giant Vermont Teddy Bear for high participation rate.

Spring Concert: The concert will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 6:30pm.

Penny War: The Annual Penny War started this week. The winning grade will be put on the plaque in the lobby and money donated to the food shelf.

End of the Year Activities The following have been planned:

- June 9th Fit for Life Day
- June 13th Sixth grade Field Trip
- June 12th Grades K & 1 Field Trip
- June 14th Grades 2 & 3 Field Trip
- June 15th Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip
- June 15th Graduation Night 7:00
- June 16th half day of school on the last day

Teachers will be returning the following week starting June 19th from Monday through Friday for In-Service Days. Joyce is really excited about having the in-service time to do data analysis for end of year assessments, action planning and goal setting along with a number of other items in June for the next year. Joyce requested a board member to hand out the sixth grade class diplomas for 22 kids on June 15th at 7pm. Tom Gates volunteered to give the diplomas.

Staffing Update

Joyce reported that all staff are coming back. The Speech Language Pathologist has been contracted through the hospital. The hospital sent an email saying they will no longer contract with any school. Joyce called and spoke with them and the hospital representative said that it no longer fits their strategic plan to contract with schools. Joyce has advertised for a part time Speech Language Pathologist.

Next Meeting Dates:

- FNWSU Board Meeting - May 3 at 6:30pm in Franklin
- Franklin Board Meeting - May 16th at 6:30pm @ Franklin

Executive Session (second)

Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to enter executive session at 8:35pm for contract issue and evaluation. Pierrette Bouchard and Joyce Hakey left executive session at 9pm.

Adjournment at _____ The board approved 3-0.

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