

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
May 17, 2016
6:30pm

Present: Tim Magnant, Chairperson, Thomas Gates, Bob Berger. Joyce Hakey, Principal, Winton Goodrich, Superintendent, Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

Others present: Jim Jewett

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

- Agenda Revision

Visitors from Community and Staff: None

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve April 26, 2016 board minutes as amended for the times. 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 April totaling \$108,082.41. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Financial Report: Joyce Hakey stated the current projected carryover. Joyce reported that the holding tank for the hot water tank is leaking and will have to be replaced. It is the original holding tank. She would like to move the June board meeting earlier (currently scheduled for June 30) so that they could make decisions about end of the year expenses. The board will have a meeting on June 21st which would be the regular board meeting date and will keep June 30th as the goal setting date. Tim Magnant declared the financial report approved.

School Happenings: Assessment update- assessments currently being given or completed include: Grades 3,4,5,6 SBAC assessment; Grade 4 Science NECAP assessment; k-2 math end of year assessment; Fountas and Pinnell reading testing; as well as other local assessments and classroom assessments. Also, SMART goals are being completed that each teacher worked on with her

individual class. The concert was on Friday night. Thanks to Bob Berger for bringing his sound system while we are figuring out the issue with the school system. Thanks to Jen McConnell for the wonderful job she did with the concert. The concert was incredibly well attended. Many Farm-to-School activities happening including Bill Mayo coming over and helping to plant eight apple trees on the back side; beginning plants for the garden in the school; Shawn Rouleau and students from his class from the Center for Technology making raised beds, two benches, and a shed; and field trips to the Gates' farm and to the Wagner farm. They have done a lot of work in the garden. Grades 3 and 4 went on a field trip to Jon Gates farm. Grades 5 & 6 are going to Annie's farm. They are going to school on Memorial Day and will participate in the parade and the town hall activities. Bob Berger will hand out graduation diplomas. Summer enrichment and the Franklin Summer Academy will run from June 14th to July 8th. The Amazing Race week will July 11-28th program.

Superintendent's Report: Carol Lizotte needed to find transportation to get the kid's meals from St. Albans to the schools. Win received a \$1,000 grant from the Rotary to assist with the transportation cost.

Act 46: Win stated that they have one facilitator that will do the independent study and he has another one he will need to ask. Bob Berger is the chairperson of the Act 46 Independent committee.

Legislative Update: The legislators ended their session last week. The Agency will be funding 10 school pilot projects. Win suggested that the Supervisory union could use the funds towards a Levinson Study. Other Supervisory Unions could save \$750,000 in savings especially in Special Education. This study could help our case in the Act 46 study showing we have completed an efficiency expense study through Levinson. The Agency of Education would pay half of it. We could show how the SU can be more efficient without the change in governance. Jim Jewett thanked the board for allowing him to attend the board meeting and to speak. Jim said that there are several Act 46 bills dealing with choice and one bill will be making it voluntary that will be being brought up in the next session. Jim asked about the status of the \$10,000 Act 156 grant? Win has inquired with Brad James to see if these funds could be used for the Act 46 independent study without strings attached. He has not heard back yet.

Tobacco Grant: Last Friday, the SU submitted a new tobacco grant. The rules have changed. Currently we receive \$13,000 per year for tobacco prevention

that was guaranteed. Now it is a competitive grant with \$30,000 a year for four years. Included in the grant are tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Middle school Vermont Kids against Tobacco-student voice group and the high school Our Voices Exposed empowers students to take charge and responsibility in the prevention of tobacco cessation programs. It would be up to each school if they wanted to participate. All State Musical: Win was proud to have MVU host the All State Music Festival. They placed 430 kids in homes in Franklin County. The concert was very powerful and was an outstanding event.

Next board meetings:

- Next Franklin School Board Meeting June 21st at @ 6:30pm.
- Franklin Goal Setting Session: June 30th at 6:30pm

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to enter executive session 7:30 pm for legal issue and negotiations. The board approved 3-0 vote. (*Jim Jewett left the meeting*).

The board exited executive session at 8:45pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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