

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
June 8, 2015  
7:30pm**

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

Others present: Yvon Dandurand and Edmund Rainville

**Call Meeting to Order-** Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

**Memorandum of Agreement:** Tim Magnant signed the Special Education Memorandum of Agreement for the transfer of Special Education professional staff to the Supervisory Union.

**Public Comments-** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the minutes of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 board meetings. The board approved the motion on a 3-0.

**Financial Report:** Joyce Hakey reviewed the financial report with the board. There is a projected carryover of \$4,116.49. Joyce explained that they will be doing the following prior to the end of the fiscal year: required asbestos inspection, fire alarm duct sensors, and burnisher repair. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to approve the financial report. The board approved on a 3-0 vote.

**Check Warrants:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates moved to approve the check warrants totaling \$135,751.60. The board approved on a 3-0 vote.

**Principal's Report:**

**School Happenings:** Joyce Hakey reported that they had a wonderful concert. The school is experiencing great participation in Chorus and Band. Congratulations to Jennifer McConnell on the outstanding concert and music program. There was an article in the St. Albans Messenger from Richard Cowperthwait on how impressive the Franklin Memorial Day was and the

participation of our students in the parade and Town Hall presentations. Recently, several grades had a very informative and fun visit the Wagner Farm as part of the Farm to School Grant activities. Joyce informed the board that Agnes Mercier and her daughter Jeanette gave the school the flag that was on her son's coffin. The new grades 5/6 teacher will be visiting again tomorrow if any of the board members would like to stop by.

Mower Discussion: Yvon Dandurand explained that he went to see and demo most of the tractors. He provided the school board a short description of each tractor. The board discussed the pros and the cons of each piece of mowing equipment along with the pricing. Bob Berger moved seconded by Tom Gates to reject all bids received for the zero turn mowing equipment. The board voted 3-0. Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to purchase the Toro from Franklin Rent All and authorize Yvon Dandurand to negotiate the best possible price. The board approved 3-0 vote. Edmund Rainville left the meeting.

H-361: Yvon expressed his hope that the board does not consolidate school districts. (Yvon left the meeting). The board discussed their opposition to H-361 and any school consolidation or change in governance. Bob Berger is on the Franklin Northwest SU H-361 advisory committee. He will be attending a meeting with the Secretary of Education on June 19<sup>th</sup> with other committee members and the Superintendent of Schools. This advisory committee will be meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to enter executive session for an employee contract. The board approved 3-0. The board exited executive session at 9:55pm. Action: Bob Berger moved to extend the principal's contract an additional year and added an increase. The board approved 3-0 vote. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to give the board chair signatory authority over the summer for line of credit, loans, contracts, check warrants and any other necessary items that will require approval. The board approved 3-0. The next meeting date: July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to adjourn at 10:20pm. The board approved 3-0 vote.

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