

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
July 28, 2015
6:30pm

Present: Tim Magnant, Chairperson, Thomas Gates, Bob Berger. Joyce Hakey, Principal, Becky Hart, Business Manager, Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.

- Agenda Revision

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger made motion, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the June 8, 2015 board minutes as presented. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Financial Report: Becky Hart handed out the financial report. She reported a carryover of \$20,875 from last year. The board discussed the breakdown of the expenses with the zero-turn and wanted to continue with the split of 80% of the expenses billed to the school and the balance of 20% sent to the town. Becky explained that they had a line of credit from People's United totaling \$300,000 at 0.9%. The school district borrows funds annually until they collect the taxes in the Fall. Bob Berger moved seconded by Tom Gates to approve and sign the line of credit from People's United for \$300,000. Vote 3-0.

Check Warrants: The board reviewed the check warrants. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the June check warrants totaling \$182,546.05. The board approved 3-0 vote.

The board had a follow up discussion to the SU meeting regarding Act 46. They discussed various components of the new law including some of the criteria for proposals for alternative structures. (Not merging into one board.) The board feels that that we should take time while becoming more informed. The next Supervisory Union Board meeting has been changed to August 12th. Some of the board members will not be able to make the meeting and asked if the meeting date could be changed. Pierrette will bring their request to Win.

Principal's Report

School Happenings: Joyce Hakey reported that they had two in-service days in June. The in-service included the following: reviewed all end of the year assessments to see strengths and needs by grade level and school wide; Professional Learning Community teams shared their team goals; re-visited the Action Plan and made revisions; Val Shepard did a presentation of the changes with online licensing; brief presentation on the Next Generation Science Standards from Ashley Bachelder; completed data needed by Judy Walls for a state report; and Bob Engstrom, from the Farm to School Committee, did a presentation; and information was gathered from teachers regarding the math/reading/writing curriculum. Joyce felt they accomplished a lot in those days.

Joyce reported that they have had a busy summer for kids at school with the Franklin Summer Academy, summer enrichment tutoring, and the "Amazing Race" week. They had a great turn out for the Franklin Summer Academy. Kudos and thanks to Deb Grennon and the Bookmobile staff. They had great programming happening for kids along with free breakfast and lunch. It was an incredible opportunity for kids in grades 4, 5 and 6. The "Amazing Race" week, with Elsa Rood and Kenny Jerry, also was well attended and very successful.

Update on Summer Maintenance: They had Simplex work completed that had been identified by the inspection (two units would not shut down). It was determined that there were too many things going to that power card and there needed to be new wiring. This could have been a problem since the original installation. Joyce thanked Steve for carefully monitoring all of the work and helping the school save quite a bit of money. After Steve's discussions with Simplex, they did not charge for the unit, the school did not pay for one whole day of a service call, and did not pay for mileage for the "specialist" who traveled a long distance to resolve the problem. The school has again been established as asbestos free. The consultant sampled everything and all was asbestos free. Franklin will just need to continue to have a designated person (Steve), keep the asbestos binder up to date, and provide annual notification. Joyce talked about having security cameras outside the school and the board discussed approving possibly purchasing some economical cameras systems.

Joyce reported on back to school activities. A mailing went out to Kindergarten parents for morning and afternoon kindergarten regarding Kindergarten Orientation on August 21st. Joyce also reminded the board that they were adding some play time with existing snack time for both sessions and adding a lunch for Kindergarten at 11:10 for students from both sessions.

Back To school night is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 10th. Joyce is sending out a mailing to all parents on Friday. She mentions in the mailing that they will make a change at the end of the day with walkers being dismissed at 3pm and that with the end of the extended day, MVU students from grades 7-12 will be riding the bus along with the elementary students as they used to. She will be mailing/e-mailing a schedule of the In-service days to the staff. Joyce handed out a revised calendar with the Franklin half-days' dismissal now at 11:45 am. Joyce went over the changes in the emergency response plan. She handed out copies of the handbook to the board. Win will be bringing a new hazing, harassment and bullying policy to the board. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to approve the parent/student handbook. The board approved the motion 3-0. Also, going out to parents will be additions to the Back to School Packet this year. There will, hopefully, be pre-printed forms so parents need only to make changes if necessary. They will also include volunteer background check forms in the packet. The background checks have been done for years for coaches, school volunteers, and ski trips and will now be needed for all field trips. All of the other elementary schools have been doing background checks for all trips. Only parents/volunteers completing the background checks and having been approved can volunteer on field trips. Joyce said they will also send reminders during the year about doing the forms if people are thinking of chaperoning. We want to avoid someone wanting to go on a trip who has not been approved.

Meeting

- Next Franklin School Board Meeting August 27th if needed for Act 46, otherwise on September 15th at 6:30pm.

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Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to enter executive session at 9:40pm for contract issue inviting Pierrette Bouchard to join. The board approved 3-0 vote. The board exited executive session at 9:55pm.

Motion to adjourn, moved by Bob Berger, seconded by Thomas Gates at 9:55pm. The board approved 3-0 vote.
