

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
August 23, 2016  
(Rescheduled from August 16, 2016)  
6:30pm**

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

**Others present:** none

**AGENDA**

**Call Meeting to Order-** Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. Tim thanked Pierrette Bouchard for rescheduling the meeting.

- Agenda Revision- None

**Visitors from Community and Staff:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 29, 2016 board minutes as presented. 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 June totaling \$192,912.87 and July totaling \$81,171.72 The board approved 3-0 vote.

**Copier Agreement:** Win explained that the Supervisory Union is at the end of their 5 year cycle for leasing the current photocopiers. Every 5 years, the SU lease/purchases new copier equipment for all schools through MVU because the SU cannot borrow funds. The new equipment lease annual amount for Franklin will be \$2,467.69, which is \$254.31 less than the previous \$2,722.00 annual cost. Win presented the "sharing" agreement between Franklin and MVU for Franklin's portion of the new copier equipment lease agreement. The board needs to approve the agreement and authorize Win to sign the "sharing agreement." Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to approve the following "sharing agreement" "I, Winton Goodrich, Superintendent of Schools of the *Franklin Town School District* (the "District"), hereby certify that the School Board of the District, at a meeting of said Board duly called

*and held on August 23, 2016, duly adopted the following vote: Voted: That under and pursuant to the provisions of the law of the State of Vermont, **Franklin Town School District** (the "District") agrees, subject to annual appropriations being made therefor, to pay to **Missisquoi Valley Union High School District #7** (the "Issuing School District"), for equipment described at Exhibit A attached hereto, the amounts described at Exhibit B attached hereto, to help the Issuing District pay a portion of a tax-exempt lease-purchase between the Issuing District and M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC, dated **August 2, 2016**. This vote was duly adopted by the School Board of the District, has not been modified in any respect since the date of adoption, and remains in full force and effect on the date hereof. I further certify that no litigation is threatened or pending affecting the validity of said vote; contesting the corporate existence of the District or its authority to enter into or perform this agreement; or contesting the title to office of any member or officer of the District or its Board." and the board further authorized Win to sign the Article of Superintendent. The board approved the motion a 3-0 vote.*

### **Principal's Report**

Summer Maintenance Update: Joyce provided an overview of the work that had been completed over the summer including work inside and outside of the building. The work included painting of the cafeteria side of the gym partitions which Joyce showed the board. The school wanted to thank Marshall Ploof for bringing the Fire Dept. water truck when the septic work was done. Joyce thanked the custodians for all of their work and results. Summer Programs Update: The Franklin Summer Academy and Summer Enrichment were at the school from June 13th until July 9th and then there was an Amazing Race for students until July 16th.

Back To School: During the summer, teachers participated in a Best Practices math class, science training curriculum work and literacy trainings. Teachers also had come in a half day on June 28th to continue data analysis. Joyce reported that Kindergarten Orientation is Friday. Mailings went out over the summer regarding Kindergarten Orientation as well as a whole school mailing that went out to parents with back to school information. Information also went out to staff regarding In-Service Days agenda. Joyce reviewed the content of the in-service days including New Teacher Orientation, opening day breakfast, general meeting, transition meetings, mandatory training information, SU presentations from Tina Boogren on the Instructional Framework, and action plan work. Joyce let the board know that Back to School night is September 8<sup>th</sup> instead of September 15<sup>th</sup> in order to not conflict with Swanton's Open House. Joyce remarked how helpful it was to have had some of the new staff members participate with a

number of activities before the end of last year. Also, Joyce mentioned some very nice visits with former students last week who had expressed appreciation for all that Franklin School had done for them. Joyce reviewed some information from the Panorama Survey. Handbook: Joyce handed out the 16-17 handbook to the board and reviewed some of the change such as the information for volunteering, Messenger system, policy information, among others.

Recreation Dept. Info: The Select-Board has appointed Stephanie Ho, Bridget Thompson and Bridgette Favreau as Interim Board Members for the newly formed Franklin Recreation Department. Stephanie, Bridget, and Bridgette are helping with the school sports programs this year to learn about some of the various aspects of the existing programs.

There was discussion about paying referees for soccer and basketball program. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to authorize paying referees for grades 5 and 6 soccer and basketball programs \$25.00 per game. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Assessment: Joyce reported local assessment information in June. NECAP Science results and the state's SBAC results have not yet been received (school results have been received but not the state's).

Joyce announced that Brye Trainer was chosen for the UVM Outstanding Elementary Teacher award for the Supervisory Union. She handed out an article from the County Courier recognizing Valerie Shepard as the Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for the state from the Veterans of Foreign Wars which Joyce had informed the board about in June.

### **Superintendent's Report**

DMC School Efficiency Audit: Win asked the board to consider completing the school efficiency study as part of supporting the evidence needed to meet the maximizing operational efficiency goal of Act 46. The deadline to apply for a State Grant to assist with the cost will be closing soon. He explained the areas of study such as supporting special education students academically through an inclusion model, reducing paraprofessionals and hiring special education teachers instead, grouping students with the same

Speech Language Pathologist could reduce the number of SLP's. The board felt that we should look at doing the study ourselves. Win stated that he is concerned about the capacity of the Supervisory Union to complete this study with competing demands during the 2016-2017 school year of the Act 46 study, professional and support staff negotiations along with completing the budget process. The board wanted to know if they could complete the school efficiency study with an independent consultant. The board wanted to know if there are strings attached to the State of Vermont grant that Win would like to pursue. Win will research this.

Act 46 Independent Study: Bob Berger is the representative for Franklin. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2016 at 6pm at MVU. They will research how to best meet the goals of Act 46, look at alternative structures, discuss the expectations and information produced by the State Board of Education, and establish ground rules. Tim wanted them to also define what the school does for the community and what does the community do for the school.

SU Collaborative Board Meeting: Win would like to have a collaborative board meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> in Swanton. They will have an abbreviated agenda and will invite all 25 board members.

Negotiations: They are setting aside September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> for professional and support staff negotiations possibly on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will establish ground rules on that evening. Tim Magnant will be Franklin's negotiation representative.

Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy: The federal government has required an update to the wellness policy adding primarily the last paragraph from the previous policy. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to adopt the E8 Wellness Policy. The board adopted the policy on a 3-0 vote.

VEHI Insurance Petition: The Vermont Education Health Initiative is petitioning for a change in the configuration of the VEHI board of directors from two to one representative from the Vermont National Education Association. The other director shall be either staff or directors of the Vermont School Boards Association. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tim Magnant to authorize Tim Magnant to sign the VEHI petition. The Board

voted 2-0-1 with Tom Gates' abstention to alleviate a potential conflict of interest.

Board Goals: In the interest of keeping the meeting shorter, Win requested tabling the board goals to the September board meeting. The board approved.

Next board meetings:

- Next Franklin School Board Meeting September 20th at @ 6:30pm.
- Franklin Northwest SU Board Meeting Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Sheldon
- VSBA Board Chair Training- October 19<sup>th</sup>, noon to 7:00pm at Lake Morey.
- VSBA Fall Conference- October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Lake Morey

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to enter executive session 8:45 pm for contract and negotiations inviting Joyce Hakey and Pierrette Bouchard. The board approved 3-0 vote.

The board exited executive session at 9:17pm

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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