

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

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

Others present: Bridget Thompson, Stephanie Ho, and Dawn Fournier of the Town Recreation Department

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:55pm.

Agenda Revision: None

Correspondence: none.

Approval of Minutes Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the June 20, 2017 school board meeting minutes. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote. Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the July 24, 2017 board meeting minutes. The board approved on a 3-0 vote.

Check Warrants The Board tabled the check warrants.

Principal's Report

Joyce Hakey reported that they had a great beginning to school. They sent out a back to school mailings and a separate mailing for Kindergarten. Kindergarten orientation last week went well. Joyce reported that they got so much accomplished last June during In-service Days. They reviewed statewide and local assessment data. Joyce will review more of the assessment data at another board meeting. Joyce would like to hold off on reporting the assessment until she gets the state scores. She also reported how well Franklin students are doing at MVU with 17 out of 18 students in grade 7 on the honor roll and 18 out of 20 in grade 8 on the honor roll. They went over the strengths and the needs for every grade level and next steps. They are focusing and working on reading achievement and targeting instruction even more to meet individual needs. Also, teachers worked on creating what the essential skills are for the standards in each grade to facilitate the targeted instruction. Justina

Jennett did a presentation on ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, ...). Due to no $\frac{1}{2}$ days being in the calendar this year, teachers will meet on September 28th after school to complete their data analysis and again on March 8th. Back To School night is next Thursday at 7 pm. Rise Vermont: They are coming on September 19th to the school to complete the measuring research project. There will be an informational letter and permission slip sent out next week from Rise VT with an opportunity for parents to opt out if they do not wish their children to participate. Joyce handed out the handbook to the board and reviewed the minor changes. Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to approve the student handbook. The board approved 3-0. The school ordered the new replacement computers for the upper grades and gave the old ones to the younger grades as part of the computer replacement plan. Tim signed the three year lease. Activities at the school this summer included the Summer Academy and the Amazing Race which finished July 21st and all went smoothly. Joyce handed out the hot lunch report to the Board.

Town Recreation Department

Bridget Thompson from the Town Recreation Department provided an update to the board. Stacie Godin is their new board member. They are looking for one additional board member and two youth board members. They introduced Dawn Fournier as their new program director. The scheduling will be completed through Dawn. As part of their long term plan, they would like to build/purchase a storage shed in addition to what currently exists. They are looking to put it in a smaller soccer field near the T-Ball field. They would like it to be similar to the size of Swanton's storage shed. They have a lot of donated equipment that they need to store. Long term goals hope to eventually put in a facility on the property near the Town Garage. Tim Magnant asked the Rec Department to update the school board when they had more information about what they would like to do for the storage building and where they would put it. They would like to have soccer sign ups earlier next year because they have found that other schools had already scheduled their games. They are thinking of sign ups in June. They also discussed possibly starting basketball sooner. Discussion regarding whether to have practices during vacations and potential locations including the Town Hall. They would like to have another winter carnival. Joyce asked if the date could not be close to the big winter set ups for Senior Dinner, Town Meeting Day, and the Pancake Breakfast. Bob Berger mentioned there is no field hockey feeder program and wondered if perhaps if there could be something with that. They told the board that they purchased 10 mph speed limit signs for the road to the fields and would like to install them, which the board agreed with. *The Rec Dept. left the meeting at 7:55pm.*

Summer Maintenance: Joyce reported that the school was never able to find someone to do the 15 hours a week for additional summer maintenance help and commended Steve Ballard and Rick Colman for everything they did to still get everything done and still accomplishing the light project. Steve had replaced all of the bulbs on the main floor with energy efficient light bulbs (there are 660 in the whole building). The school already received the rebate for the bulbs from Efficiency VT and according to their calculations there is a 2.3 year payback period with significant energy savings each year.

Act 46 update: Bob Berger explained that the State passed Act 49 which allows for a 3 in 1 option. This would allow Sheldon to remain in the Supervisory Union with Franklin/Highgate/Swanton as a merged one side and Sheldon as being on the other side. The committee drafted a report that says they have not identified a viable consolidation option that would have the potential to exceed the results of the current governance structure. The draft includes information that supports that conclusion and how our current FNWSU structure could be enhanced to allow all of the schools within the SU to meet or exceed the goals of Act 46. The next Act 46 meeting has been scheduled for September 5th at MVU.

Superintendent's Search: Tim Magnant appointed Thomas Gates as Franklin School Board's representative to serve on the Superintendent's search committee. The Supervisory Union board will be choosing an outside consultant to assist in completing the Superintendent's search.

Next Meeting Dates:

- FNWSU Board Meeting - September 6 at 6:30pm at Sheldon
- Franklin Board Meeting - September 19 at 6:30pm @ Franklin

Executive Session and Adjournment

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to enter executive session at 8:55pm for contracts. The board exited executive session at 9:35pm. Tom Gates made a motion to pay VPA dues, seconded by Bob Berger. The board voted 3-0.

Bob Berger moved, seconded by Tom Gates to adjourn at 9:36pm. The board approved 3-0.

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

