

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
September 20, 2016
6:30pm**

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

Others present: Jay Denault and Jim Jewett

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.

Agenda Revision- Added Health Care Information and Franklin's Title I Funding.

Visitors from Community and Staff: None

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger moved, seconded by Thomas Gates to approve the August 23, 2016. 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 March totaling \$171,051.56. The board approved 3-0 vote.

Financial Report: Becky Hart reported that some expenditures exceeded what was budgeted due to the Special Education caseload having gone up to 23. Becky estimated that with the offsetting Special Education revenues, the reimbursements should keep the finances in the black. Tom inquired if since Special Education has been centralized, if there have been some efficiencies. Win explained that since the paraprofessionals have not been centralized and are still local, it limits the efficiency that can be accomplished. Both the Levenson study and the Giangreco study recommend replacing paraprofessionals with professional educators so that your highly skilled people are working with the students. Joyce said that Franklin is extremely lucky to have the quality of the paraprofessionals that we do.

Principal's Report:

Joyce Hakey showed a back to school video from Back To School Night where they had at least 180 people. Opening of school activities included Kindergarten Orientation, Fun First Friday, and Farm to School Activities. Joyce explained the mentoring program for new teachers.

State Assessment: Joyce went over the school, Supervisory Union results and state wide assessment scores. Our school scored above the supervisory union average and the state average in each grade tested and in both content areas of math and Language Arts. In math, we had 75% of students scoring proficient or above, the SU was 39 and the state was 47. In Language Art, we had 73% of our students proficient, the SU was 48 and the State was 55. Joyce stated how incredibly hard the kids worked and she is proud of team effort from parents, community and the teachers.

Action Plan: Joyce gave a brief overview the 2016-2017 Action Plan. She will give out the Action Plan at the next meeting.

Title I: Joyce Hakey explained that Title I funding has come up at MVU meetings and is going to be discussed at the SALT and possibly the Supervisory Union board meeting. Title I has been discussed over a number of years at the Supervisory Union Board meetings and it was agreed that it is more cost effective to target early intervention and designate the Elementary Schools to receive the funds. If adding another school designated as Title I causes Franklin to lose Title I funding, it will be extremely detrimental for Franklin School. Joyce also noted that three of the elementary schools have received large school improvement grants which Franklin is not eligible for. The positions funded at Franklin by Title I are responsible for Title I Reading and Math, Reading Recovery, Math Recovery, Math and Literacy leader responsibilities. Jay Denault raised the issue that he does not intend to take dollars away from the Elementary Schools. He sees the trends of poor assessment performance at grade 8 and 11 and thought that MVU should target some funds towards a school improvement leader to improve test scores. There was a discussion regarding several questions Jay asked regarding Title I funding. The documentation Jay is referring to is showing more than what the SU is actually receiving. Becky will check with the State of Vermont about the difference. Win explained that supplemental services have been offered for MVU and no parent has taken advantage of it. Jay would like to see MVU receive a school

improvement plan coordinator and to get coaches if the funding is available. Central Office will be researching the information regarding Title I funding.

Superintendent's Report:

VEHI Health Care: Win reported that there are four health care plans with higher deductibles and lower premiums. These are serious choices which will impact negotiations and employees' pay checks. The effective date of these new plans is January 1, 2018. On October 21st, we will take a proxy vote at the VEHI meeting reducing the number of VT NEA members and adding one board member.

Act 46 Update: The next Act 46 Independent Study will take place on Sept 21, 2016. Bob reported that they are making progress in the direction of the study. The committee is looking at how to address the State requirements on alternative structures. We must prove that what we choose is best for our schools and students. Conversations are being held with Bakersfield and Alburg. They have received a template to work through the issues and a systems approach on how to report to the Agency of Education.

Collaborative Meeting: There is a collaborative meeting on October 5th with 25 board members to come at 6pm to participate in the budget discussion and 5 local boards will meet at 7pm. They will need to schedule a separate Supervisory Union Board meeting to have two hearings. They have scheduled a Sep 22nd Negotiations Board Council Meeting at MVU and a Sep. 28th meeting with the board council and the Associations to establish ground rules.

Board Goal Setting: The board discussed and drafted the following board goals to be reviewed further at the next meeting.

Board Goal Setting

Support the school in maintaining student learning focus

Provide assessment results at board meetings

Identify many types of student achievement

Support the goals outlined in the school action plan

Maintain an open door policy for community feedback

Attendance at school functions and parent/teacher conferences

Budget support

Number of volunteers working with student programs

Collaborate with the Franklin community and other FNWSU school districts to analyze potential impact of Act 46

Participation on the Independent Study Committee

Collaboration with the other FNWSU districts

Complete an unbiased, factual governance study

Next Meeting Dates:

FNWSU Board Meeting - Oct. 5th, 6:00 @ Swanton

Franklin Board Meeting - Oct. 5th, 7:00 @ Swanton

VSBA Board Chair Training - October 19th, 1:00 to 7:30 PM at Lake Morey

VSBA Fall Conference - October 20th and 21st at Lake Morey

Negotiations Council Representative- Tim Magnant

Tom Gates moved, seconded by Bob Berger to adjourn at 8:30pm. The board approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gates,

School Board Clerk by

Pierrette Bouchard School Board Secretary