

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
September 16, 2014
6:00 PM**

Present: Tim Magnant, Chairperson, David Rood, Bob Berger. Select-Board Members Yvon Dandurand, Peter Magnant, Andy Godin, Ed Rainville. Winton Goodrich, Superintendent of Schools, Joyce Hakey, Principal, Becky Hart, Business Manager, Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary, Community Member-Annie Wagner

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order- Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

- Agenda Revision

Joint Select Board/School Board Discussion (Action)-Yvon Dandurand received two quotes from companies to contract the lawn mowing for the school. He also had a quote from Kubota to purchase a zero-turn lawn mower and another quote for a Kubota Tractor with a snow blower. The boards directed Becky to get a bid on contracting out snow removal and they decided to get additional quotes on other tractors. The School Board and the Select Board decided to meet again on October 15th at 6pm at the school library. The Select Board members left at 7pm.

Public Comments Regarding Current and Future Agendas (Listen)

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes (Action) Motion to approve July 22, 2014 board minutes. Bob Berger moved, David Rood seconded. Board approved 3-0.

Old Business

Financial Report- Becky Hart brought new format for financial report. Motion to approve September financial report as presented. David Rood moved, Bob Berger seconded. Board approved the financial report 3-0.

Check Warrants: Motion to approved check warrants for August 2024. Bob Berger moved, David Rood seconded. Board approved 3-0.

Principal's Report (Listen)

Beginning of school (in-service, opening days, Back-to-School Night): In-service work done on word study, math problem solving rubric, action plan, professional learning communities; opening of school went very smoothly; Back-to-School Night held on the 11th with a good turnout.

Updates on freezer/lighting project: freezer went down on Labor Day and got new controls for condenser, thanked Steve and Carolyn for not losing more food, checking on price to have freezer hooked to alarm system; Lighting project-The project is done and John Ho did the inspection to make sure everything was completed as needed. Incentive check received for \$6935. There were some changes on estimated rate of return. Alert Solutions update-Setting up system in Franklin with staff attending trainings this week, then there will be tests done of the system. School Closing for weather will be done through Central Office.

SBAC update-Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium assessment framework for new Common Core Standards. FNWSU has an SBAC team that Joyce and Kathy Ovitt are members of. Digital Library with resources and interim assessments is still not available in Vermont yet. Joyce will be attending an SBAC conference on October 16th.

Action plan presentation-Will do on October 8th instead

Kindergarten Update- Joyce updated the board that she would be meeting with parents on Wednesday the 17th about the concern that she had told the Board about from Orientation Day (regarding Franklin having a $\frac{1}{2}$ day). Joyce, Theresa Sturgeon, and Brye Trainer will meet with parents to explain why Franklin has stayed at a $\frac{1}{2}$ day and hear parent concerns regarding the issue. Joyce showed the Powerpoint presentation that she will share with parents at the meeting. Presentation included why they were having a meeting, why Franklin has stayed at a $\frac{1}{2}$ day including showing state and local data, awards and recognitions from outside organizations, description of success of students at MVU and beyond, circumstances at Franklin that make going to a full day more complicated, k enrollment for the last 14 years and how that compares to other elem. schools if we had one section, projected enrollment, class size research summary, potential "costs" of going to a full day, how we are addressing social skills, other opportunities in Franklin for kids to have social interactions, summary slide that said there has been a lot of evidence that we are providing a very solid foundation for our students; that we've not gone to a full day with twice as many students as we are concerned that could jeopardize the success we have now; we have not seen a student based need for a longer

day that would outweigh all of the potential costs (not just financial) of a longer day, and that the school is continually assessing where our students are at and if we are doing what is best for them. Joyce will ask parents for comments and concerns to share with the Superintendent and School Board.

Other- None

Superintendent's Report

- Communications and Public Relations: Win Goodrich met with Emerson Lynn of the St. Albans Messenger. Messenger will feature all our schools every month-approximately once every five weeks.
- School Board Code of Ethics (Future Action) For board to review and would like adopted at the Carousel meeting at October 8th Carousel Meeting.
- Board Goals
- Preparation for Budget Development
 - Board direction-What is the board's vision for budget development. Current Student/staff ratio average for State is 4.67 students for each teacher. Look at metrics and set goal?
- Strategic Planning Timeline and Update- Postponed to January. Vermont Council of Rural Developments will bring linkage. Invite folks to be part of a forum in January.
- SU Custodial and Facilities Planning- Proposed sharing Custodial Staff resources across the Supervisory Union-ways to use public resources in more effective manner.
- New Board Member Email Addresses- Win recommends that board members have email addresses just for board business and have all correspondence go to a gmail account. He will send to all board members information on how to set up a gmail account.
- Possible Expanded Early Education Grant-The State is giving funds for going to full time.
- Preparation for October 8th Carousel Board Meeting
 - Board Chair/Principal/Superintendent Planning Date-Win will meet with Joyce Hakey and Tim Magnant to prepare for Carousel meeting. Carousel meeting will begin with Supervisory Union Board meeting at 6pm, at 7pm all 25 board members will meet to hear common information and at 8pm, individual boards will go into five different rooms to meet at MVU.

New Business

Meeting Dates

- Negotiations Team Meeting (either Sept. 29th or 30th @ 6:00 PM) Bob Berger and Tim Magnant prefer September 30th.
- VSBA School Finance Regional Meeting - October 1st, 5:00 @ Milton High School
- Negotiations Session - October 2nd, 5:00 PM @ MVU Library
- MVU and FNWSU Carousel Board Meeting - October 8th, 6:00 PM @ MVU
- VSBA Fall Conference, October 30th and 31st @ Lake Morey
- Other: Tim Magnant asked Annie Wagner, community member present, if she had an issue. Annie is very happy with Franklin Central School but suggested that the board consider adding an Art Teacher in the future.
- Anticipated Executive Session (Answer the Executive Session Compliance Question... *Where premature public knowledge would clearly place the Board or other party at a substantial disadvantage...*) Enter executive session for negotiations-The board can not divulge ground rules for negotiations. Motion to enter executive session for Negotiations Update and Student Issue. Bob Berger motioned, David Rood seconded at 8:35pm on a 3-0 vote.
- Negotiations Update
- Student Issue
- School Board Evaluation Issue

Exit Executive Session- Motion made to exit executive session at 8:49pm. Bob Berger motion, David Rood seconded. Board approved 3-0 vote.

Tim Magnant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.
