

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
October 22, 2014  
6:00 PM**

**Present:** Tim Magnant, Chairperson, David Rood, Bob Berger. Select-Board Members Yvon Dandurand, Peter Magnant, Andy Godin, Ed Rainville, Brooks Sturtevant. Winton Goodrich, Superintendent of Schools, 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 6:05pm.

- Agenda Revision
  - The following revisions were added to the agenda: Approval of minutes, Generator, Alert Solutions Update, Executive Session for contract issue.

**Public Comments-**None

**Principal's Report**

**Action Plan Approval:** Joyce Hakey explained that she handed out the updated Action Plan at the previous meeting and that the changes in the Action Plan are in bold. Bob Berger moved, seconded by David Rood to approve the Action Plan as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

**School Happenings:** Joyce reported that they completed a multi-generational Vermont Reads project that was being done as part of a grant by the Haston Library. Fire safety will happen next Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> with the Franklin Fire Department. Next week is Red Ribbon week, the national anti-drug/anti-alcohol week with a new theme each day. Parent conferences will take place on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Franklin's report card will now reflect the standards from the Common Core.

The generator on the school property was obtained by a grant through the Town. It is now maintained by a private contractor. Several repairs are being done including replacing the water pump and fuel gauge. The contractor

reported that the radiator does not look good. He will be providing this information to the town office.

Other: The school sent a test message as part of setting up the Alert Solutions emergency communication system. The test went well but some calls did not go through. There are some adjustments that the company needs to make to correct the problem. Joyce has not been pleased with the technical support that they have received so far. The school will do another test message when Alert Solutions says the issues have been fixed.

Joyce handed out her goals to the school board directors.

Motion to approve the Sept. 30, 2014 and Oct. 8, 2014 board minutes passed as presented. Bob Berger moved - David Rood seconded; Board approved 3-0.

**Joint Select Board/School Board Discussion** - Franklin Town Select Board members joined the School Board at 7pm. Tim Magnant provided an update on the tractor the Select Board and School Board are currently sharing. The repairs have cost \$2,000 and it will need to go back for more repairs. The school paid for the tractor and the town paid for the mowing deck. The two boards reviewed estimates that they received for a new zero turn mover and tractor for snow blowing and sanding. The School received a snow removal quote of \$32,500 for the winter season for snow removal at the school. A quote of \$9,800 was received to do all the town and school mowing. Both boards felt that they needed to continue doing their own lawn mowing and snow removal. After reviewing the estimates, the boards decided to continue snow removal with the current tractor and budget for a zero turn lawn mower. A zero turn mower will reduce the number of hours needed to mow all the lawns should extend the duration of the current tractor. The boards felt that they needed to go with a commercial mower. After weighing all the options, they decided to budget \$20,000 and that the school will put the zero turn in an article on Town Meeting Day. The Select Board members left the meeting at 8:30pm.

**Budget Development:** Win is asking the board for a vision of where they would like to go with the budget. He displayed comparisons of staff student ratios. He provided some ideas to think about for future budget development. Win will be meeting with Becky and Joyce regarding budget development and Becky will have a draft for the November meeting.

### Meeting Dates

- Next Franklin School Board Meeting November 18, 2014 at 6:30p
- 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 contract issue- Motion to enter executive session for a contract issue. Bob Berger moved, David Rood seconded, at 9:05pm. Motion approved on a 3-0 vote.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:12pm.

Bob Berger moved, seconded by David Rood, that the Franklin School District will not pursue reimbursement of insurance premium as discussed in executive session. The Board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Motion to Adjourn, Bob Berger moved, seconded by David Rood at 9:12pm. The board approved adjournment on a 3-0 vote.

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