

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

**December 16, 2013 7pm**

**Present:**

**Board Members: Timothy Magnant, Bob Berger and David Rood. Administration: Joyce Hakey, Principal, Becky Hart, Business Manager, Lora McAllister, Assistant Business Manager and Dr. John McCarthy, Superintendent**

**Others Present: Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary, John Ho and Steve Ballard**

**Call to Order:** Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Citizens and Staff:** John Ho from Efficiency Vermont was present to talk about the proposed the lighting upgrade in the school gym and the parking lot. He stated that with the installation of LED lighting in the parking lot, the external building lights and the gym lights, the school district would experience annual electricity savings of 25,344 kWh with a pay back period of 3.9 years with the incentives. The project cost is estimated at \$25,943 with an Efficiency Vermont incentive of \$6,700.00. There is also a broken pole light in the parking lot and the cost of replacing it is estimated at \$2,900.00 (worst case scenario). The board would like to do an article for Town Meeting Day to cover the lighting project and the broken pole replacement. David Rood made motion, seconded by Bob Berger to move forward with an article not to exceed \$30,000 for the Efficiency Vermont parking lot, gym lights and exterior wall pacs project, replacement of the broken pole minus the Efficiency Vermont incentive of \$6,700.00. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote. Joyce Hakey thanked John Ho for all his work on the proposed lighting project. *(John Ho and Steve Ballard left the meeting at 7:40pm)*

**Correspondence:** none

**Approval of Minutes:** Tim Magnant declared the November 19<sup>th</sup> board minutes approved as written.

**Business Manager's Report:** Becky Hart reported that the financial report is still showing a small carryover balance. The changes included in this report are the health insurance participation change and an increase in the long term substitute's expense to reflect the family medical leaves. Bob Berger made motion to approve the end of November financial report. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

**Check Warrants:** Becky Hart presented the check warrants for November 2013. David Rood made motion, seconded by Bob Berger to accept the November check warrants totaling \$130,296.57. The board approved on a 3-0 vote.

Becky brought the second draft of the FY15 budget to the board meeting. The assessments reflect the budgets that were passed at the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union Board meeting. The Early Education assessment was reduced by \$9,503. They were able to reduce the contracted transportation with firm numbers that they have now received as a result of awarding the transportation bids at the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union Board meeting. Franklin will not receive revenue from the small schools grant that was phased out. The bond bank refinanced the loan at a lower rate with a savings of

\$6,000 being realized this year and \$4,000 savings for next year. The equalized pupil numbers are up in Franklin. There was discussion around this draft of the budget. The board felt that everything in the budget was needed for the school. There will be more discussion at the next meeting after receiving additional information.

### **Principal's Report:**

Joyce Hakey stated that Joe and Jesse Bruchac were at the school all day providing workshops on writing to all of the classes and there was a lot of very good feedback from the teachers. The holiday concert was on Friday. She congratulated Jen McConnell and student teacher Holly Raiche on the outstanding concert. Deb Boucher received the Berlin City Grant and will be going down to pick up the award. Jessica Cota did an after school workshop on how to support kids with challenging behaviors as a follow up to the fall in-service. Joyce has completed the Principal's Report for the Annual Report and gave the board a copy.

### **Supt's Report:**

Negotiations: The Supervisory Union would like to complete the Support Staff negotiations in the other schools before we begin the professional staff. The professional staff's union and the board have exchanged letters. The board negotiations team will need to meet to go over their proposals with the Master Agreement.

FNWSU Board Meeting. Dr. McCarthy reported that the Supervisory Union Board passed all three SU Budgets at the December board meeting.

Policy: Dr. McCarthy has all the policies on the website except for section H. Section G and B3, B4 and B8 are in draft form because they need some revisions before they can be approved by the Franklin Northwest SU Board.

FNWSU Superintendent's Search: Joyce reported that, at the last committee meeting, they went over the criteria that the committee was looking for in the next Superintendent. They will select the questions for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> interviews at the next meeting. February 12<sup>th</sup> is the community forum in the afternoon and then the Supervisory Union Board will interview the finalists in the evening.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

### **Executive Session and Adjournment**

Tim Magnant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41pm. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Berger, Board Clerk

by Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

