

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2012 7:00pm

Present:

Board Members: Jonathan Gates, Timothy Magnant. David Rood was absent from the meeting.

Administration: Joyce Hakey, Principal, Becky Hart, Business Manager, Lora McAllister, Assistant Business Manager. Dr. John McCarthy, Superintendent.

Others Present: Vickie Gratton, Pierrette Bouchard School Board, Secretary

Call to Order: Jon Gates called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Citizens and Staff: Vickie Gratton came to the board meeting with a request to have the day care kids bused home after school. There is no sidewalk after the Haston Library and requested that all children that currently walk home beyond the sidewalk be bussed. With the after school bus run carrying only elementary school kids, there is now room on the bus to bring these students home. Without the sidewalk, there is a very small shoulder on the side of the road and this could be a safety concern for students especially as winter weather approaches. She brought a letter of concern from Jason and Carrie Butler. The board will discuss the issue and make a decision later.

Correspondence: Letter from Jason and Carrie Butler under citizens and staff.

Approval of Minutes: Jon Gates requested to have the November 13, 2012 board minutes reviewed for approval. Jon Gates declared the November 13, 2012 board minutes approved.

Extended Day Busing: Tim Magnant talked about alternatives to the bus routes instead of the current structure. He proposed that the bus schedule run as a school instead of a town. He cited as an example if the bus ran from East Franklin along the Gore Road picking up all Franklin and Highgate MVU students along the way to MVU. The cost of separate busing for elementary and high school students would not have to be so prohibitive. There was then a discussion about the pending centralized transportation services and the need for an independent analysis of the supervisory union wide services. The board talked about the proposal to have the cost change to the elementary school bus run phased in over a five year period. Tim felt strongly that although, the Franklin School Board supported the extended day at MVU, they felt that their agreement to compromise over the extended day was as long as the Franklin School District would not bear any extra expense. The Franklin board agreed to consider going to the next Missisquoi Valley Union Board meeting on January 3rd to discuss the added expense as part of the extended day. Jon Gates thought they should put in phase one of the elementary school bus run cost in the next draft of the Franklin School Budget.

The board discussed the issue of having the walker students bussed home where the sidewalk ends after the Haston Library. The board decided to invite M&C Ploof Transport to the next board meeting before making a decision.

Business Manager's Report:

Becky Hart reported that the financial report is showing the same deficit balance. Tim Magnant made motion to approve the financial report. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote.

Tim Magnant made motion to approve the check warrants in the amount of \$192,164.26. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote.

Becky Hart handed out Draft 2 of the FY14 budget. Major changes included in the budget revised numbers to reflect the supervisory union budgets that have been approved at the December board meeting, the health insurance has been changed to reflect the 14% increase and the dental insurance has been changed to reflect a 5% increase. The transportation costs has been revised to reflect phase one of the extra bus run. Joyce Hakey explained that George Raynak has proposed buying computers on a Multi year plan so that they can have computers for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 to provide appropriate technological resources for the students and in preparation for the new online SBAC testing. The board discussed reimbursing the roof account fund balance and asking the voters for approval to change it to a capital reserve project fund which may be used for the sidewalk. The bond proceeds can help with the principal payment for the first year. Tim Magnant made motion to authorize reimbursement of the roof account fund balance from the bond proceeds. Additionally the board made motion to apply the unexpended bond proceeds to reduce the roof debt principal payment for the 2013-2014 school year. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote.

Principal's Report:

Annual Report: Joyce Hakey handed out the principal's annual report information. She also reported that the Franklin Spelling Team came in fourth place in the whole state and won a trophy. She commended Krista Birkheimer and Nancy Magnant and all parents for the spelling team coaching. The winter concert is this Friday at 1pm. MVU will not be coming on December 20th. The holiday activities will begin at 8:25 am on December 21st with the annual tractor ride.

Supt's Report:

Bullying Policy : Tim Magnant made motion to approve the bullying policy # F28 for adoption. The board approved the motion 2-0 vote.

Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2013 at 9:30am.

Tim Magnant made motion to enter executive session for student and personnel at 9:20pm. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote. Tim Magnant made motion exit executive session 9:45pm. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote.

Jonathan Gates declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rood, Clerk

by Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

