

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2013 7:00pm

Present:

Board Members: Jonathan Gates, Timothy Magnant and David Rood.

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

Others Present: Yvon Dandurand, Rick Coleman and Peter Magnant attended the FY14 Budget Informational Meeting.

Call to Order: Jon Gates called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Citizens and Staff:

Correspondence: none

Approval of Minutes: Jon Gates declared the January 15, 2013 board minutes approved.

Business Manager's Report:

Becky Hart reported that they made some small changes in the line items of the budget but the bottom line remains the same. George Raynak made some bullet points regarding the technology needs. Joyce will also have an inventory of the age of the computers currently on hand at the school.

Becky Hart reported that the expenditures are up slightly due to additional participation in the health insurance. They are projecting a \$7,500.00 deficit in which they will work on finding savings in other line items in the budget to hopefully zero this out. David Rood made motion to approve the financial report. The board approved the motion 3-0 vote.

FY14 Budget Presentation highlights: The proposed budget for FY 2013-2014 is \$1,609,782. This represents an increase of \$52,768, or 3.39% increase over the current year's budget of \$1,557,014. The health insurance increase has been projected at a 14% increase in premiums. This is significantly higher than the increases over the past five years. The long term debt on the school building ended in December 2012. The school completed the roof replacement project in the Summer 2012 and new principal payments on new debt service related to this project to begin in Dec. 2013 (FY14 Budget).

The roof replacement project came in under budget and the remaining bond proceeds are being transferred as a revenue in the FY14 budget to offset the first year's principal payment. Board is proposing that voters authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of making future capital improvements and the transfer of the remaining Roof Account Fund balance into this new Capital Reserve. The 2013-14 budget includes funding to increase access to technology in grades 3-6 to

enable student to obtain the skills and knowledge to be successful in 21st Century Learning. The reappraisal of property in Franklin has been completed, and the CLA increased. Therefore, the school tax after CLA adjustment is projected to be .569, compared to .571 in FY13. Vermont Dept. of Education financial data indicates that the Franklin FY13 budget per equalized pupil ranked 106th out of 106 schools for Elementary schools with designated union high school category (with 106 being the lowest spending.)

Tim Magnant made motion to approve the check warrants in the amount of \$200,316.22 for January 2013. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Tim Magnant thanked Becky Hart for all her hard work in preparation of the budget.

Principal's Report:

School Happenings: Joyce Hakey reported that the Senior Dinner will be on Thursday, Feb. 21st and the school board is invited. Everyone is working very hard and the theme is "Into the Woods" with fairy tales. The supervisory union in-Service was cancelled on Friday because of the weather. Spirit Week is the same week as Senior Dinner. Joyce reported that they have hired two long term substitutes Sharon Mathieu for Jessica Bourbeau and Sarah Tucker with excellent references for Carrie Toof.

Tim Magnant made motion to enter executive session at 7:15pm. Tim Magnant made motion to exit executive session at 7:25pm. The Board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Supt's Report:

Legislative Report included in board packet.

Dr. McCarthy requested that the board designate policies A,B,C and D as reviewed.

Dr. McCarthy distributed the bullying policy that the board has approved.

Dr. McCarthy handed out an updated "Prevention of Harassment of Students" policy for the board to waive first reading and proposes having second reading and adoption at the March meeting. Tim Magnant made motion to waive first reading of the "Prevention of Harassment of Students" policy. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Jon Gates made motion to designate policies A, B, C and D as reviewed. The board approved the motion 3-0 vote.

Dr. McCarthy handed out some information from the Vermont School Board's Association.

Next meeting date: March 13, 2013 at 9:30am.

Jonathan Gates declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rood, Clerk

by Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

