

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2014 7pm

Present:

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

Others Present: Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary.

Call to Order: Tim Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Citizens and Staff: none

Correspondence: none

Approval of Minutes: Tim Magnant declared the December 16, 2013 minutes approved.

Business Manager's Report: Becky Hart reported that the financial report has not shown much since last month. Two thirds of the State Aid revenue has come in. Bob Berger made motion to approve the financial report. The Board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Check Warrants: Becky Hart presented the check warrants for December 2013. David Rood made motion, seconded by Bob Berger to approve the December check warrants totaling \$112,296.30. The board approved on a 3-0 vote.

Becky explained that every year, a school district must approve their announced tuition rate by January 15th. Bob Berger made motion to accept the announced FY15 tuition rate of \$4,603 for Kindergarten and \$9,205.00 for grades 1-6. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Becky brought the third draft of the FY15 budget to the board meeting. Included in this draft is the information from the town clerk's office for the bookkeeping/treasurer position. They have received the dental insurance rate from VSBIT reflecting a decrease of 1.6% in the premium. The Workers Compensation rate came down slightly. The third draft of the budget reflects a 4.6% increase in the budget with 1.22% of that due to an existing .25 FTE Literacy position which is fully offset from grant funding on the revenue side. The CLA has changed from 97% to 105% causing the tax rate to go down. David Rood made motion to approve the budget at \$1,683,860.00. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote. Bob Berger made motion to approve the article as revised for the energy efficiency project to appropriate an amount up to \$30,000, less any applicable grants and/or rebates from Efficiency Vermont, for the purpose of upgrading lighting both in the school building and parking lot; including replacement of the broken light pole, to enhance energy efficiency and savings. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Correspondence: Tim Magnant received a letter from the State of Vermont regarding the change in the CLA from 97% from 105%.

Principal's Report:

School Happenings: Joyce Hakey thanked Tim Magnant for the wagon ride during the holiday activities. She thanked the parents for the great help for the parties. The school wide walking program reached the North Pole and they had a school celebration. The ski trip was cancelled due to the weather and conditions on the mountain. They will have a chaperone ski trip meeting next week. Joyce has advertised for the 3rd grade long-term substitute position. Joyce talked to the board regarding not getting a substitute for the guidance position during the leave of absence at the end of the year. She felt that a substitute would not know the students, and for such a short period of time, it would be better to have an alternative. She and counselor have met and they have a plan for the class time and to meet the needs of individual students.

Budget Meeting Informational Meeting: Joyce explained that historically the board has begun their board meeting at 7pm and began the Budget Public Informational meeting at 7:30pm. The board explored different dates for the informational meeting and decided on February 17, 2014 at 7:30pm with the board meeting beginning at 6:30pm. It was suggested that John Ho be invited to provide information on the article.

Firemen's Breakfast: The Franklin Fire Dept. has requested using other rooms in the school (specifically the music room), during the Firemens' breakfast for vendors and fund raising groups. The board felt that classrooms should not be used and recommended that they use the Music Room Alcove and set up tables/desks at the end of the hall if additional space is needed.

Supt's Report:

Teacher Negotiations: Dr. McCarthy requested two representatives to serve on the Boards' Negotiations' Council. The Board and the Union will be swapping rules soon. The board will have Bob Berger and Tim Magnant represent them on the Negotiations Team.

FNWSU Superintendent's Search: There is a committee meeting on Thursday night and make decisions on the interview questions and how to rate the candidates.

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Tim Magnant talked about the annual letter for the Town Report from the school board. He would like to include in his letter legislative decisions resulting in the following being transferred from the local school district to the Supervisory Union: Teacher Negotiations, Transportation, Food Service and Financial Services.

Executive Session and Adjournment

Tim Magnant declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Berger, Board Clerk

by Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

