

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2013 7pm

Present:

Board Members: David Rood and Bob Berger. Timothy Magnant was absent from the meeting.

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, George Raynak, FNWSU Director of Technology and Steve Ballard Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Call to Order: David Rood called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Citizens and Staff:

Correspondence: none

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berger made motion to approve the May school board minutes as presented. The Board approved the minutes on a 2-0 vote.

Business Manager's Report: Becky Hart reported a carryover of \$4,451.00. Becky and Joyce have gone over the financial report and individual expenditure line items. Most of the anticipated expenses have been zeroed out. David Rood made motion, seconded by Bob Berger to approve the financial report. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote.

Check Warrants: Becky Hart presented the check warrants for May 2013. David Rood made motion to accept the May check warrants totaling \$129,403.37. The board approved on a 2-0 vote.

Principal's Report:

School Happenings: The spring concert was held on May 17th, it was an excellent concert dedicated to Sandra Andersen. Dr. McCarthy commented that he heard the Franklin Band at the Dairy Day Parade and thought they sounded really good. The band participated in the Town Hall presentation during the Memorial Day festivities. The fifth grade Barbecue did really well. Graduation is next Tuesday night. They had an assembly today to give the Food Shelf a donation of \$968.00. The Food Shelf really appreciated Franklin's donation.

NECAP Science testing has been completed along with other end of the year reading and math testing. Grade 6 went to Step Up Day at MVU. They have transition meetings with grade seven teachers. Grades 5 and 6 went to the MVU dress rehearsal for the musical. They were proud to see Franklin students with star roles in the musical. The summer enrichment program will take place from June 17th to July 12th. The field trips will take place next week.

Technology: Joyce Hakey invited George Raynak this evening to talk about grades 3-6 1:1 technology update and timeline. George explained that there are three key factors to 1:1 program success. The first one is administrative support. Joyce has been a great support along with the school board and the community. They will do an In-Service Training with Google. The second factor is getting teachers ready. Several teachers have taken technology courses. Ashley Bachelder, Krista Birkheimer and Joyce Hakey went to a technology conference. George is teaching a course this summer and Krista is participating. Kathy will take a tech course this summer. The teachers visited other schools to see how other schools are using technology and will share information with other teachers. They are thinking of having a workshop format. George is coming to Franklin on June 17th to do a workshop on Google. Deb Boucher received the Berlin City Grant again this year and the funds will be used to purchase I Pads. They hope to have professional community learning time. George reported that the information that the teachers brought back were outstanding learning lots of experiences from other schools who have already done this. They learned about budgeting factors, batteries etc. The lap book that George demonstrated is reliable with more hard drive memory at \$340.00 each is a great price. The third element is the wireless infrastructure is good. They are concerned about band width, may have to stagger implementation of the test if there is not enough band width. George said that they are trying to build professional capacity because with the addition of 80 computers, Kathy will not be able to provide all the tech support. George Raynak stated that he had received good response from Dan Palmer. He hopes to put in the MVU Budget one to one technology for the middle school next year. George stated that he had great response from the Franklin Teachers. They have expressed their opportunities with energy and enthusiasm.

Joyce Hakey explained that they will have an opportunity to use the practice test. There is a huge amount of work to do to learn the different strategies when doing the testing especially online. George stated that there were enough funds for grades 3-6. In the next few weeks, he will get quotes for the computers and then will go to the leasing company and so they can pay the devices. Sheldon has been using all their computers through leasing for the third time. Thanks to George for everything he has done to make this happen. George left at 8pm.

Side walk: (Steve Ballard was present for this discussion.) Joyce reported that they have received three quotes for the replacement of the sidewalk. Joyce asked if the school district needs someone to over see it? Also, should we hire someone to supervise over night while the cement is drying? Bob Berger made motion to award the sidewalk project to J&M with a very specific contract that includes all the bid specs and authorize the board chairperson to sign the contract. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote. David Rood made motion to authorize Tim Magnant to ask Heath Wright to see if he would help over see the sidewalk and they authorized Joyce Hakey to hire someone to supervise the cement all night while it is drying. The board approved the motion 2-0 vote.

Joyce Hakey went over the information provided from Efficiency Vermont on the lighting analysis and incentive. The board reviewed the comprehensive approach (includes all lighting: gym, building exterior lights and parking lot) totaling \$6,650 versus \$4,400 if the projects were done separately. After reviewing the information, the board decided to wait until November so that they could do an Article for

next year's Town Meeting. They discussed the possibility of having John Ho return at that time. Steve Ballard left the meeting at 8:35pm.

Supt's Report:

The Franklin Northwest SU board has hired a new Curriculum Director, Libbey Bonesteel. Highgate has hired a new principal-Marcel Choquette. They will have Dena St. Amour as co-principal of Swanton and Dennis Hill is the new principal for MVU.

Dr. McCarthy explained that Mary Wood as the chairperson of the Franklin Northwest SU Board, has worked with the board to establish board goals and mission statement. Dr. McCarthy will bring to the next board meeting so that the board has an opportunity to review the board goals and mission statement.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th at 7pm.

Bob Berger made motion to enter executive session at 8:45pm for personnel and legal issues. The board approved the motion 2-0 vote. Bob Berger made motion to exit executive session at 9:10pm. The board approved the motion 2-0 vote. Bob Berger made motion to approve the hot lunch prices from \$2.10 to \$2.25. The board approved the motion 2-0 vote.

David Rood made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. The board approved the motion on a 2-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Berger, Board Clerk

by Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary

