

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

**September 3, 2013 7pm**

**Present:**

**Board Members:** Timothy Magnant, David Rood and Bob Berger. **Administration:** Joyce Hakey, Principal, Becky Hart, 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 7:07pm.

**Citizens and Staff:** none

**Correspondence:** none

**Approval of Minutes:** David Rood made motion to approve the July 30, 2013 school board minutes as presented. The Board approved the minutes on a 3-0 vote.

**Business Manager's Report:** Becky Hart reported an anticipated carryover of \$5,984.06. Included in the financial report is the Reading Recovery Teacher along with the revenue, the sidewalk project with the offsetting revenue and the savings from a Vermont Municipal Bond Bank due to a lower interest rate change. David Rood made motion to approve the September financial report. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

**Check Warrants:** Becky Hart presented the check warrants for August 2013. David Rood made motion to accept the August check warrants totaling \$163,095.18. The board approved on a 3-0 vote.

**Transportation Contract:** Becky Hart explained to the board that the transportation contract will be going out to bid for 14-15 and it will be awarded at the Supervisory Union Board Meeting and will be paid by the Supervisory Union.

Joyce Hakey explained that the extra siphon sewer tank was emptied this summer and it looks like it should be done annually instead of every other year due to the sludge because the sludge can plug up the leach lines again. John Ho touched base with Joyce regarding the energy efficiency project. There will be more discussion at the budget time.

**Principal's Report:**

Joyce Hakey reported that Franklin had a great opening of school. The three days of in-service went very well. They had a great opening of school breakfast and accomplished a great deal including transition meetings, sharing of summer professional development work done, presentation on the new math progressions, paraeducator trainings, technology training with George Raynak, and required training information such as Act One, VOSHA, and FERPA. They also had a meeting with Judy Walls and Steve Perry, the creator of VCAT, and the teachers welcomed the changes made in VCAT. They had Kindergarten Orientation on Friday, and Tuesday was the first day of school. School had a very smooth

beginning. September 12<sup>th</sup> is Back To School Night. Carol Lizotte had informed the school that if Franklin does not meet the higher free and reduced lunches percentage, we are in danger of losing the federal funding for the After School Program for next year. They have sent a letter to parents encouraging them to apply so that they do not lose the funding, including the changes that reduced lunch becomes free lunch this year. Joyce had volunteered Franklin School to participate in the SBAC Field Testing but Franklin did not get chosen. The last NECAP Testing will take place in October. Franklin has received a letter of congratulations from the Agency of Education for meeting AYP. Joyce handed out a copy of the Action Plan. She identified all the new things that are underlined and in bold. Transition to Common Core State Standards, Digital Learning, and creation and implementation of Professional Learning Communities are the major goals for the year. They have received the new computers and George and Kathy are working on imaging them.

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

Dr. McCarthy stated he received a call from the Secretary of Health today regarding a horse has been infected with the EEE virus from mosquitoes in Highgate. They are advising the Highgate area and surrounding towns that EEE is in the area and children/people should avoid being out during dusk and dawn.

Vision Calendar: Dr. McCarthy included the Vision Calendar in the board packet. It has been talked about at the Champlain Valley Superintendent's meetings and the media has been reporting about the proposal. There are public forums taking place in Chittenden County and there will be one at BFA. Some of the vacations will be a two week break and would provide an opportunity for student interventions. The challenges will be cost of transportation, hiring the teachers during the break, extra days going into the later days of summer and encountering heat in the schools that are not air conditioned, etc. The BFA public forum is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

SWIFT: Swanton and Sheldon have been chosen as well as Grand Isle SU by the State of Vermont to participate in the SWIFT Program. It stands for School-Wide Integration Framework for Transformation. The University of Kansas has used this positive behavior model and multi tiered support system. The first year of the grant will include Sheldon and Swanton. The second year will involve Highgate and the MVU Middle School.

Public Access TV Show: The Supervisory Union Board suggested as one of their goals to do some Public Relations initiatives and so they have scheduled the third Wednesday of every month with Channel 15 doing a 45 minute taping "What is happening at Franklin Northwest."

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 7pm. The Franklin Northwest SU Board meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2013 at 7pm.

### **Executive Session and Adjournment**

Bob Berger made motion to enter executive session for student issue and contract inviting Dr. Jack McCarthy and Pierrette Bouchard at 8:10pm. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote. David Rood made motion to exit executive session at 8:20pm. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote

Bob Berger made motion to approve the contract for Dawn Fournier. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Tim Magnant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Berger, Board Clerk

by Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary