

**Franklin School Board Meeting Franklin High School**  
**– Cafeteria**  
**December 21, 2020**  
**6:00 PM – Non Public Session**  
**6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting**  
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**Board Member Attendees:** Tim Dow – Chairperson, Deborah Brown (ZOOM), Scott Burns, Cecile Cormier, Chris Kneeland, Jeff Savary – Vice Chairperson. Delaney Carrier

**Absent Board Members:** Susan Hallett-Cook, Paul Doucette

**Administration:** Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Jefferson Braman – Business Administrator; Susan Blair – PSS Principal; Rebecca Butt - Director of Special Education (ZOOM); Carrie Charette – FHS Principal (ZOOM); Ken Darsney – FMS Principal; Robyn Dunlap – IT Director (ZOOM); Jule Finley – Curriculum Director; Tim Westphal - FHS Assistant Principal (ZOOM); Barbara Slayton - Wellness Coordinator; Danny Sylvester – Athletic Director; Jason Trafton – FMS Assistant Principal (ZOOM).

**Others:** Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk); Live Stream Viewers.

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to into Non-Public in accordance with RSA 91A, paragraph IIa and d (personnel and students) at 6:02 PM, seconded by Delaney Carrier.

**Motion Carried – Unanimously by Roll Call Vote**

At 6:18 PM, all except the board members left the meeting.

Cecile Cormier entered the non-public session at 6:28 pm. The Board discussed personnel and negotiations. Jefferson Braman entered the non-public session at 6:40 pm. The Board discussed compensation in regards to negotiations.

No action was taken.

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 6:51 PM, seconded by Cecile Cormier.

**Motion Carried – Unanimously by Roll Call Vote**

**PUBLIC MEETING BEGINS AT 6:52 PM**

**1. Call to Order by the Board Chairperson**

The Franklin School Board Meeting of December 21, 2020 was called to order at 6:52 PM by Chairperson Tim Dow. Tim Dow also stated the following: Community Members may attend the meeting in person, or email the Superintendent questions/comments prior to the meeting at [dlegallo@gm.sau18.org](mailto:dlegallo@gm.sau18.org). Please include name. All questions and comments will be read into the minutes. During the meeting the public may participate by calling the Superintendent's phone number at 266-9833, if you prefer not to attend. Public may view the meeting on our YouTube channel using this link: <http://bit.ly/2UXbKYi>

- **Salute to the Flag**
- **Meeting Postings**

Cathy Viau confirmed that the meeting was posted as required by law.

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**2. Public Participation – No comments**

**3. Recognitions –**

- The three board members (Jeff Savary, Scott Burns and Chris Kneeland) were recognized for all of their time spent on the board and all of their hard work and effort put forth. Tim Dow, on behalf of the board, stated it has been an honor to work with them and thanked them for all of the time, knowledge, wisdom and hard work and wished them the best on their future endeavors.

**4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2020 and November 19, 2020**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin School Board Minutes of November 16, 2020 as presented, seconded by Delaney Currier.

**Motion Carried – Unanimously – by Roll Call Vote**

**MOTION:** Delaney Currier moved to approve the Franklin School Board Minutes of November 19, 2020 as presented, seconded by Cecile Cormier.

**Motion Carried – Unanimously – by Roll Call Vote**

**5. Old Business**

- Update from Business Administrator

**1. Financial Report**

Jefferson Braman stated that the financial reports are in the shared folder. We have spent a little over \$200,000 of pandemic related expenses. We have a total of \$724,350 for pandemic costs. This leaves about 524,350 left to spend through September 30th, 2021. Other topics discussed included: adequacy aid, Governor's allocation of \$200 per enrolled students, FEMA funding, ESSER/GOPHER FUND, Infrastructure projects (signatures are needed for the DOE from the board), laptop replacement project.

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to waive the bidding process policy, seconded by Cecile Cormier.

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**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to approve the purchase of 50 laptops in the amount of \$23,381 for teachers from Second GEAR from the CARES ACT Fund, seconded by Cecile Cormier.

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- Committee Reports

No Committee Meetings were held due to the severe snow storm that arrived. Meetings will reconvene after the new board committees are reconfigured in January.

NHSBA Annual Delegates Meeting will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, virtually at 10 AM. Just the business portion of the meeting will be held this year.

Deborah Brown will be the voting representative and Tim Dow will attend but will abstain from voting on any votes due to his position on the NHSBA.

**6. New Business**

- Update from Superintendent – Daniel LeGallo

1. Hybrid Update/Holiday Break

Schools will reopen tomorrow, all three. Wednesday, students will be dismissed at the regular time. The survey results were shared and posted for the upcoming break. The COVID Team continues to meet daily with updates, quarantines, exposures (schools).

2. Wellness Grant

Barbra Slayton present the Wellness Grant of \$50,000 from the NH Department of Education. This money will be used for the MTSS System, Universal Supports, Self-Care, Professional Development (help all staff eligible), evidence based practices for counseling, demonstrated success, increased access for parents, approval will occur in mid-January and will need to be spent by the end of June. They will be doing train the trainer, suicide prevention trainings, etc. as well.

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to approve the Wellness Grant of \$49,450 as presented, seconded by Scott Burns.

3. NH Charitable Foundation Grant

**MOTION:** Scott Burns moved to approve the Grant from the NH Charitable Foundation for the music department of \$5,200, seconded by Cecile Cormier.

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4. MOU Remote Snow Days

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**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to remove from the table the MOA with the FEA, seconded by Chris Kneeland.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to approve the MOA dated November 4, 2020 between the Franklin Teachers FEA and the Franklin School Board as presented, seconded by Chris Kneeland.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

5. Athletic Update – Danny Sylvester

Athletic Director, Danny Sylvester, presented the board with an update. Please see attached. It included updates and information about mask wearing, foot traffic flow, spectator visits, etc.

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to accept to have no fans at home games with the exception of seniors being allowed immediate family only for home games, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to only play against teams that are wearing masks at all home and away games, seconded by Deborah Brown.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

6. Nominate Winter Coaches

**MOTION:** Cecile Cormier moved to accept the 2020-21 High School Coaches as presented by the HS Principal and Athletic Director, seconded by Chris Kneeland.

**Motion Passes – 6 in Favor - 0 Opposed – 1 Abstained (Deborah Brown)**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to accept the 2020-21 Middle School Coaches as presented by the MS Principal and Athletic Director, seconded by Chris Kneeland.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to approve the amendment plan for JV Girls Basketball Coach Katie Bedard, seconded by Cecile Cormier.

**Motion Passes – 6 in Favor - 0 Opposed – 1 Abstained (Deborah Brown)**

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7. Strategic Plan Update –

This was tabled until the board is reconstituted and approve in February as recommended by the superintendent and add details of the dates for Spring. This should be expanded to others not just the board for input.

8. Teacher Retirement

**MOTION:** Cecile Cormier moved to accept, with regret, the retirement of Judy Mitchell, FMS Art Teacher (over 20 years of service) and wish her the best in her endeavors, seconded by Chris Kneeland.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

9. NHSBA Resolution Input

This is to be submitted to the Superintendent and/or Deborah Brown. Tim Dow gave an overview of the process of the NHSBA Annual Meeting and approval process.

**7. Student Representative Report**

Kolbe, FHS Student Rep Report, shared that plans are being worked on for Winter Spirit Week. They are thinking of alternatives for a dance. They are getting input, options and ideas from students. The board stated that they appreciate what Kolbe does.

**8. Curriculum Report**

Jule Finley gave an overview of the following: communication, Demonstrated Success, Teachers pay Teachers, Curriculum, Mentoring Program, Discovery Ed, Portrait of a Graduate, Lakes Region CIA, Lakes Region Title I, other PD, Drama Spring Projects, etc.

**9. Special Education Report**

Rebecca Butt gave an overview of the following: compensatory education meetings updates, chosen for Indicator 13 DOE monitoring (process and prep), preparation for Indicator 11, Medicaid/MSB Billing update, DOE training offering training on DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps Alternative Assessment).

**10. PSS Administrative Report**

Sue Blair gave an overview of the following: population of 309, recognitions, Intervention Specialist /Assistant to the Principal (review of student's learning, identified, discussed and process), K-3 Report Cards, Fontas and Pinnell Classroom Training, Building Community, PSS Staff Gives Back, and we would like to send out a public thank you

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to Kate Nash and the Franklin Rotary Club for their donation of five Christmas trees to each school for distribution to five families. Most recently, The Elks Club through a collaborative approach is providing 30 PSS families with a gift card to purchase food for their Holiday Meal. This outreach also occurred at FMS and FHS. Jayden Armstrong a second grade student at PSS has been recognized as a recipient of a Spirit of Hope and Kindness Award. As a recipient his job was to spend the award money on something that a specific family or organization could use or needed. Desiree Armstrong, Jayden's mother, reached out to me regarding the needs of the school. With Jayden's approval and mom's technology skills Jayden has purchased sleds for our school. With the help of the plow crew, we will have a hill of snow constructed on the field, which will facilitate sledding for our students. How exciting for one and all! Thank you, Jayden Armstrong for your kindness!

### **11. FMS Administrative Report**

Ken Darsney gave an overview of the following: population 358 and analysis, Report Cards, eligibility to play, fully remote days and remote Mondays, Go Guardian, Daily Schedule, Pemi and Winni Academics, and Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies, Allied Arts, and WINN (What I Need Now). Al's Village Pizza is hosting a fundraiser for the FMS Ski Program tomorrow.

Jay Trafton gave an overview that things are going better, he is seeing students on a more positive basis. Three majors have occurred since the last meeting. Parent communication has been key.

### **12. FHS Administrative Report**

Carrie Charrette gave an overview of the following: population 271, percentage of remote students by grade, quarter 2 progress report grades, Attendance Committee Meetings discussing truancy, over 72 Parent/Teacher ZOOM Conferences, Boomer's BBQ, Holiday Mug Project, work on LRCC Manufacturing Math Courses continue to be worked on, the on-campus food pantry run by the Robotics and Leda Guillotte in partnership with the Twin Rivers Food Pantry, SATS, quarter 1 grades, competency recovery, recognitions, and upcoming dates.

Tim Westphal gave an overview that there has been a drop in offenses, the climate is changing, staff and administration and parents are providing more support to the students, the needs are greater, new offerings in the works such as the Homework Den and resources, we are actively becoming more aware of students' needs. Three majors since the last board meeting. An update was given on the truancy was given and tracking improvements. The PAT (Pupil Assistance Team) Team has begun. We are working on what we can do to support the students/families, mentoring program, and looking for input from staff. The number one complaint is remote learning for attendance and academics. Over 120 have over 3 or more absences.

The request was to have the number of students failing 1-3 classes from all administration.

Everyone was thanked for all that they do and was wished a Happy Holiday Season.

### **13. Policy**

Withdrawal:

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**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to withdraw the following policies:

Policy GBGAA – HIV/AIDS: **WITHDRAW POLICY – acceptance of EBCG**

Policy IHAMC – HIV/AIDS: **WITHDRAW POLICY – acceptance of EBCG**

Policy JLCCA – HIV/AIDS: **WITHDRAW POLICY – acceptance of EBCG**

Policy JLCC-R – PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) PROCEDURES: **WITHDRAW POLICY – acceptance of EBCG**

Policy JLCG-R – EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL FOR ILLNESS: **WITHDRAW POLICY – acceptance of EBCG**

Seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

First Reading:

**MOTION:** Delaney Carrier moved approve the following for First Reading:

Policy IMBA: Distance Education: 1st reading by Board

Policy KA: School, Family and Community Partnerships: 1st reading by Board

Policy KCD: Public Gifts – Donations: 1st reading by Board

Policy KDA: Public Information Program: 1st reading by Board

Policy KED: Facilities or Services – Grievance Procedure (Section 504): 1st reading by Board

Policy KF: Use of School Buildings and Facilities: 1st reading by Board

Policy KH: Public Solicitations in the Schools: 1st reading by Board

Policy KHB: Advertising in the Schools: 1st reading by Board

Seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

**MOTION:** Delaney Carrier moved to amend the following policies: Policy DG Public Gift and Donations, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, should be increased to \$1,000 and discussion was held for Policy KHE it was stated that the Superintendent should have authority to approve, seconded by Scott Burns.

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**14. Late Items/Other**

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**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to authorize the Senior from earlier to continue via Fully Remote at the Franklin High School for the remainder of the year as requested, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to authorize Student #2 from earlier to continue via Fully Remote at the Franklin Middle School for the remainder of the year as requested, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to authorize Student #3 from earlier to continue via Hybrid at the Paul Smith Elementary School for the remainder of the year as requested, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous – by Roll Call Vote**

Student #4 was a no show.

**15. Public Participation – None**

**16. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 8:49 PM, seconded by Delaney Currier.

**Motion Carried – Unanimously – by Roll Call Vote**