

**Board Attendees:** Tamara Feener, Scott Burns, Robin Gargano, Tim Dow, and Peter Heath

**Absent Board Members:** Lisa Tremblay, Greg Husband, Angie Carey, and Chad Carey

**Administration:** Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Richard Towne – FHS Principal; Mike Zmuda – FHS Assistant Principal; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal; Jack Finley – FMS Assistant Principal; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Virginia Doyle – Curriculum Director; Danny Sylvester – Athletic Director

**Others:** Some Franklin Residents, Some City Councilors, Teachers, Students, Coaches, School Board Clerk – Cathy Viau

### **6:30 PM – Presentation by Laurence Gartel**

Mr. Gartel gave an overview of previous Art Cars and his exciting, well established and well known career in the arts. His history includes doing work for Art Car used at the Grammy's. He shared the different ways that the Art Car can be used to generate revenue. He also explained the process of the creation of the Art Car.

**Call to Order by Tamara Feener, Chairperson, at 7:12 PM.**

### **Salute to the Flag**

*Photo opportunities were done outside with Laurence Gartel and one of his Art Cars in front of the School.*

The Art Car should be completed the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Ribbon cutting with the governor on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Participation:**

None

## **RECOGNITIONS**

### ***Presentation and acknowledgement of the Sportsmanship Banner for FHS Softball***

Danny Sylvester (Athletic Director), Skip Dubois (Varsity Softball Coach), Dave Therrian (Varsity Softball Assistant Coach) along with three seniors (captains – Lauren Hennessey, Lexi Colpack, and Kim Gerlarneau) were present to accept this award for an amazing accomplishment. This banner will be hung in the Franklin Middle School Gymnasium.

### ***Franklin Youth Initiative Presentation (F.Y.I.)***

Franklin High School Teacher - Andrea Costanzo and the Mayor's Task Force Representative Angela Lynch were present to give an overview of what this student youth group is, what they have accomplished, and what is entailed in this group. They work hard to share the positive influences and remove the negative influences in regards to drugs and alcohol. They meet the second Thursday of the month. Mike Zmuda is also on the Team.

Peter Heath recognized Marcia Rollins for her outstanding work with the Alumni Weekend. It was stated that the Class of 1971 may take over for next year. They made over \$1000 in registrations that night which does not include the other money taken in. The money from Friday's events was donated to the Franklin Opera House.

Sunday's event money was donated to the Franklin Outing Club. Peter Heath announced that this upcoming weekend the Summer FACT Program is hosting Pinocchio at the Opera House. He encouraged everyone to attend.

## **PRESENTATION/REPORTS**

### ***Student Representative Report***

None present.

### ***State Representative Report***

Werner Horn, State Representative, shared some information about where the state stands in regards to the budget and the next steps. The hope is to have a budget by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ***Potential Withdrawal Committee Membership***

It was requested to have two volunteers from the board to be on the Franklin Withdrawal Exploration Committee if it is approved to move forward by the Franklin City Council on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tamara Feener and Scott Burns volunteered.

**MOTION:** Peter Heath moved to approve having Tamara Feener and Scott Burns be placed on the Franklin Withdrawal Exploration Committee being formed by the City of Franklin, seconded by Tim Dow.

A timeline was shared and made available to the public.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

### ***Website***

There was much discussion regarding the current website versus the use of Google. The discussion included the cost of having a consultant come in to help train staff if it is changed, payment already made to the current carrier, the process for change over and what these changes would mean.

### **Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)**

#### ***Grant Report***

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, provided the Board with a copy of the updated Grant Report. Mrs. Bergquist stated that there are still some grants in transition. Some are closing and still waiting for others to be received.

#### ***Update, Audits***

Business Administrator Amanda Bergquist indicated that the 2015 audit for the Franklin School District has begun. SAU Audit is a little more time consuming as there are additional lengthy steps to follow.

### ***Expenditure Report***

Nothing at this time.

### **Update from Superintendent**

Daniel LeGallo, Superintendent, stated that there are three resignations and two nominations which need action to be taken.

Discussion was held regarding exit reports. Some of the reasons for leaving are: one received a promotion and two were part-time and wanted full-time.

**MOTION:** Peter Heath moved to accept the resignation, with regret, of Julie LeBlanc as the PSS Elementary Teacher for the 2015-16 School Year as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Robin Gargano.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Peter Heath moved to accept the resignation, with regret, of Dawn Luke as the Special Education Teacher for the 2015-16 School Year as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Robin Gargano.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Peter Heath moved to accept the resignation, with regret, of Amy Mason as the FHS Health Teacher for the 2015-16 School Year as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Robin Gargano.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Scott Burns moved to accept the nomination of Heidi Dunlop as the FHS Special Education Teacher for the 2015-16 School Year as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Peter Heath.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Scott Burns moved to accept the nomination of Jessica Perkins as the PSS First Grade Teacher for the 2015-16 School Year as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Peter Heath.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

### ***Fall Coaches Nominations***

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to accept the nomination of the Fall Sports' Coaches for the 2015-16 School Year as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Peter Heath.

All positions have now been filled.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**

### ***FHS Principal Report***

Richard Towne, FHS Principal, stated that the summer time moves are completed and the lockers have been installed. Mr. Towne gave an overview of “Fresh Fest” to be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Towne stated that he went

through all transcripts and schedules; gave an overview of open positions; contingency plan for Health (if needed); and an overview of the foreign exchange students coming to Franklin.

Mr. Mike Zmuda (Assistant Principal), Carrie Charette (FHS English Teacher), Stephanie Shepard (FHS Social Studies Teacher) and Molly Horn (FHS Science Teacher) gave an overview of the Engagement Intervention Initiative Program and provided handouts. With the implementation of the competency based program and block scheduling this program's implementation is increasingly necessary. They shared information about why this is important; yearly attendance averages; areas of concern; reasons for low attendance; impact on students; real-world implications; need for engagement intervention initiative; teacher expectations with parent communication; meeting with parents; increasing motivation; growth from connections; a sample of attendance and action sheet; engagement intervention flowchart; engagement intervention initiative contact requirements; sample letter to parents; engagement intervention agreement form; and information about the Green Team. The goal of the is program is to decrease detaining of students, lower the dropout rate, reach out to students and families to help with students success and develop a deeper understanding in education that it is not "just about the test". Discussion was held regarding "the Triumphant Thirty".

Peter Heath stated that this is excellent program and offered to assist in any way that he can. This encourages student and parent involvement in education.

Tamara Feener expressed that Project Aware will assist students with student issues pertaining to home and school. Discussion was held regarding offering time management not only to students but teachers as well.

There is less absenteeism in the lower grades.

The SRO (School Resource Officer) has been a great support.

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to accept the two foreign exchange students for the 2015-16 School Year as presented by Richard Towne, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**

### ***FMS Principal Report***

Jack Finley, Assistant FMS Principal, stated that Kevin Barbour apologizes that he was not able to attend this meeting. Mr. Finley reported that the school is progressing well and ready to go. Teachers have been in and looking forward to the start of the new year. The fourth grade teachers are collaborating well with the other staff.

### ***PSS Principal Report***

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, stated that they have been working hard on the building for example: taking down the wall in the Library well to expand that area to allow for a better and more open working area; the stage has been cleaned off and is now ready to be used for what is was intended for; computers have been moved to a "tech room" for such things as testing; the school is now fully staffed and just received a new Reading Specialist with almost 24 years experience overall; enrollment for kindergarten is about 85; they have only lost 3 students to the charter school.

Virginia Doyle gave an overview of the Keene Summer Summit. There were 14 staff members including Ms. Doyle, Paul Borsh and Superintendent LeGallo. They had wonderful guest speakers. The Summit included team time, collaboration; moves forward with a plan, brainstorming, positive impact plans, formulation and research. Overall it was an amazing event.

***Approval of the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2015***

**MOTION:** Peter Heath moved to approve the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2015 as corrected, seconded by Robin Gargano.

On page 5, third motion from the bottom, where it states “Tim Dow moved” needs to be changed to “Peter Heath moved” and Greg Husband seconded.

**Motion Passes – 4 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Tim Dow was not present for that meeting)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Update, Art Car***

Scott Burns updated the board regarding the art car. The car is a 1996 Ford Contour. \$3,820 has been received, \$2,750 is in the mail, and \$2,000 has been pledged. The Art Car Project is set to start on September 8<sup>th</sup>. It will take one day to get the artwork set up and two days to wrap. There will be much media and press surrounding this. There will be a ribbon cutting with the City of Franklin and another with the governor.

Discussion was held regarding the option of people to create a QR code linked to a movie created and produced by students, etc. which can be placed on the car. The cost is \$10,000 for the services of Laurence Gartel and \$5,000 for installation, housing, etc. A policy will need to be created for usage. This project will have the ability to a continued revenue stream and considered to be part of the STEAM Program and Innovation – I2.

***Open Enrollment***

Discussion was held and it was stated that two letters were included. Four students submitted letters regarding open enrollment from other districts which were not approved by the sending district as they do not feel they have authority to make such a decision with a final decision from the Attorney General. Two students were accepted by the Franklin School Board in accordance with last month’s non public session.

Discussion was held regarding who the point of contact is at the Attorney General’s Office, when the law went into affect, a reminder that this money for student tuition involves municipal funds.

***Franklin School District withdrawal from SAU***

Discussed earlier.

***Policy BEA and KJ***

Angie Carey is the Chairperson and is looking into which may include reaching out to Barrett Christina from the NHSBA.

**Committee Reports:**

Liaison Committee – Tim Dow – Nothing at this time  
Buildings/Grounds/Fields – Chad Carey – Nothing at this time

Finance Committee – Greg Husband - Nothing at this time  
Scholarship Committee – Peter Heath – They have received a check in the amount of \$115.28 from UNO's and was given to Tamara Feener to handle.  
Wellness Committee – Angie Carey – Nothing at this time  
Innovation Committee – Scott Burns – Discussed earlier

### **Public Participation**

Werner Horn spoke about Franklin School Board's desire to separate from SAU 18. Mr. Horn shared his concerns about the timing of the withdrawal. He is concerned that Hill is going through an experimental period right now and the SAU should remain intact as this would allow for more opportunity to look at returning in the future. He stated that breaking up the SAU is a bad idea and would be considered rubbing salt in the wound.

Mrs. Briggs White, Franklin Parent and Community Member, thanked the board for accepting the foreign exchange students. She hosted a foreign exchange student in 2010-11 and the student has now become like part of the family and still keeps in touch. She stated that in a City like Franklin that is struggling financially, it is not the time to separate from the SAU and is unconscionable. She stated that it is lengthy and expensive process. The Board should making kids the priority. They should not be spending tax payer money on this rather they should be spending this money on education of the students, teachers, and schools. The City/School can't afford this right now. It would make more sense to combine more SAUs.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to adjourn at 9:06 PM, seconded by Peter Heath.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**