

Board Attendees: Tamara Feener, Scott Burns, Robin Gargano, and Peter Heath and Greg Husband

Absent Board Members: Lisa Tremblay, Angie Carey, Tim Dow, and Chad Carey

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Richard Towne – FHS Principal; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Virginia Doyle – Curriculum Director; Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Jack Finley – FMS Assistant Principal; Ginelle Czerula – Assistant Principal at PSS; and Paul Borsh – Special Education Director

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

Call to Order by Tamara Feener, Chairperson, at 7:02 PM.

Salute to the Flag

A moment of silence for the victims of Paris.

The posting locations were listed.

Public Participation:

Deb Brown, Franklin Resident, thanked the principals and superintendent for the tour of the buildings. She stated the visit was pleasant, informative and accommodating. She also stated that the website agenda was correct but the website itself had the wrong date listed.

George Dzujna, Franklin City Council Member, provided the board and administration with a Santa is Coming to Town flyer which went home with all of the Franklin Middle School and Paul Smith Elementary School students. Mr. Dzujna gave an overview of all of the festivities for that day and welcomed everyone to join them.

RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo recognized the I² Committee for the event they planned Saturday, November 14th. The Committee planned the food and entertainment. Chad Carey did a great job with the food.

Peter Heath recognized Jule Finley, Jack Finley and all others who participated, including students, in the performance of AIDA.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS

Project AWARE: DESSA

Jenn Sumner (Project AWARE Manager); Christina Flanders (School Psychologist) and Cindy Waltman (Professor of the Department Psychology at PSU) provided everyone with packet of their presentation. The team provided information regarding the goals of this program as well as the following topics:

- Community cluster of behavioral supports for children
 - \$38 million dollars has been placed in grants by the president.
- What is the social emotional learning (SEL)?
- Why should we teach SEL?

- Why is the DESSA a good assessment tool to use?
- A United States key to where free-standing standards for SEL are at the K-12 level.
- Improving Social Emotional Learning in Youth: Aligning the Eight DESSA Competencies to Intervention
 - RTI (Response to Intervention) is important
- Example of the DESSA mini
 - The questions are always positively stated.
- Example of the DESSA 72
 - All information is kept confidential but data for teaching specific topics can be used and is evidence based.
- And the take away message:
 - Social Emotional Skills are important for academic, behavioral, and social success.
 - Children CAN (and should) BE TAUGHT good, or bad, social emotional skills.
- A copy of the NASP Position Statement was provided.
- Parent Information sessions will be done.
- It is beneficial to build upon strength based resources.

Student Representative Report

Aimee Gargano, Student Representative, presented a written report regarding: FYI – Red Ribbon Week; Student Council completed many volunteer activities and have many upcoming events and fundraisers; Franklin High School Volleyball team made it to the Division III tournament and Rachael Capri was nominated for the Senior All Star Game; they also had a team bonding sleepover at the High School; thank you to the Franklin Lion’s Club for their instrument donation and \$500 donation to clean the band uniforms; thank you to the GRAMMY foundation who is planning to make a donation of \$2,000 to the FHS Music Program; the band and chorus officers were listed and recognized; the 2016 Music Festival accepted several Franklin High School students; the Veteran’s day assembly performance; the National Honor Society volunteered at the Odell After Dark event; announced who the new inductees; they attended the annual trip to UNH Manchester Leadership Conference where they did team building activities and personality tests; and some upcoming events are the unloading of trees for the Rotary and helping with Santa’s Workshop.

State Representative Report, Werner Horn – not present

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

The auditors will be onsite sometime after Thanksgiving for the 2015 audit. They are still working on the SAU audit for 2012 – waiting for approval.

No one had questions regarding the expenditure reports.

Update from Superintendent

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo introduced Virginia Doyle, Curriculum Director, as she will be doing a presentation regarding Smarter Balance Testing. It was stated that this test will be used as a baseline test and New Hampshire was ranked 3 in the nation. A handout was given to the board and administration with overall scores by grade beginning at grade 3. The test was given of the following topics: English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. The data for with the District Profile is available on the Department of Education website. Discussion was held regarding gaps in certain content areas and grades and how teachers should address these areas. Changes have been made at certain grade levels in regards to curriculum. Enrollment in each grade and class was discussed. There has been a large turnover in Math teachers and general administration. Funding of education is an issue. The change in

the number of math graduation credit was discussed as well as the sequence in which math classes are taken. PSATs and SATs are coming up.

RSA 189:68, IV

There is a need to create a policy but a public hearing needs to occur first. It will be held on December 21, 2015 prior to the board meeting. It will be approved for first read at that time and final read in January 2016. This should be reviewed annually. This is brand new and was discussed regarding videotaping especially in the class.

FHS Principal Report

Richard Towne, FHS Principal, gave an overview of the topics on his written report. These topics included: Veteran's Day Assembly; Community Service Project; Internships; Career Day (50 presenters so far); Donations by Franklin Lion's Club; Incident of November 10, 2015 (working tactical agency and practice drills); Smarter Balanced Results; Hot Topic Corp. donation of \$2,000 for the high school music department; and CTE Status.

MOTION: Robin Gargano moved to accept the Grammy Fund Donation thru the Hot Topic Corp. of \$2,000 for the Franklin High School Music Department, seconded by Greg Husband.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, gave an overview of the topics on his written report. These topics included: Math Club; Student Leadership Council; Honor Roll/Sports Assembly; TIGER Program; Important dates to remember; Veteran's Day assembly (79 students in chorus sang and students served breakfast to the Veteran's); and Deb Brown (the upcoming newly elected board member) was given a tour and was present.

Jack Finley, FMS Assistant Principal, gave a website update. He has spoken to several other districts who use google. Mr. Finley will be getting certified in the implementation of google as well. He is working with our current IT Department to try to come up with a timeline for the first mock up.

PSS Principal Report

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, gave an overview of the topics on his written report. These topics included: student activities (practice lockdown, 2nd grade concert, Veteran's Day Assembly, kindergarten attendance at a play at the Capital Theatre on November 16th, Mr. Merrifield spoke to 3rd grade about the Mayor's office and elections, etc.); positive parent involvement (PTO, parent conferences, etc.); teacher training and planning (competency based report card and new safety procedures); building (cleaning up of gardens, use of the stage for many activities and expanded the library as well as additional storage created); and annual inspection from the local fire department (were very impressed with the space change and safety).

Approval of Franklin School Board Minutes for October 19, 2015

MOTION: Peter Heath moved to approve the Franklin School Board Minutes for October 19, 2015 as presented, seconded by Robin Gargano.

Motion Passes – 5 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Greg Husband as he was not present for that meeting)

NEW BUSINESS – none

OLD BUSINESS

NHSBA Call for Resolutions

At this point Greg Husband is unable to attend. Tamara Feener is waiting for a response from Lisa Tremblay. Robin Gargano will be the backup. This assembly will be held January 16th but was originally scheduled for January 9th.

Policy BEA and KJ – the committee will meet from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm prior to the Franklin School Board Meeting in December.

There will be a public hearing from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm regarding the new proposed policy regarding RSA 189:68, IV.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the Franklin School District Food Service Department’s proposal to provide lunches to the charter schools. This was done in the past. The meals would be prepared here and would be picked up by the schools themselves. It would be a great source of revenue. It would be for approximately 46 students. Discussion was held regarding location, food guidelines and liability. More information will need to be prepared and given to the board for further review and discussion next month.

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 – Scott Burns and Bob Lucas (co-chairs) - nothing

Wellness Committee – Nothing at this time

I² Committee – Scott Burns – A fundraiser was held Saturday night. \$669 was raised and \$200 was paid towards food. There was Art Car exposure. Mayor Merrifield’s band played. Chad Carey did a great job with the food. The next meeting will be held December 7th at 6:30 pm in the FHS Library. Discussion was held regarding Jr. ROTC and the number square footage needed for this program.

Other Committee Reports – None

Public Participation – None

Non- Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3c (Personnel)

MOTION: Peter Heath moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3c (personnel) at 8:26 pm, seconded by Scott Burns.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried - Unanimous

MOTION: Robin Gargano moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 8:40 pm, seconded by Peter Heath.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried - Unanimous

MOTION: Greg Husband moved to seal the non-public meeting minutes of November 16, 2015 as it is related to personnel, seconded by Robin Gargano.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding the superintendent obtaining information from Barrett Christina regarding the procedure behind sealing minutes and the allowable time limit.

Adjournment

MOTION: Greg Husband moved to adjourn at 8:42 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous