

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

Absent Board Members: Lisa Tremblay 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: Lauren Pearsall (FHS Teacher), Glen Feener (Franklin City Councilor), Tim McCurry (?), Leigh Webb (Franklin Resident), Deb Brown (Franklin Resident), Bill Grimm (Franklin Resident), George Dzjuna (Franklin City Councilor), and School Board Clerk – Cathy Viau

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RSA 189:68, IV at 6:30 PM

The Policy Committee reviewed this policy prior to the hearing. It was stated that this policy as presented conforms to state law. Discussion was held regarding the development of a process/procedure for approval of video and audio recordings that would be similar to the field trip approval form. Administration are going to work together to create a checklist to present to the board on a monthly basis. This policy would need to be reviewed annually. Discussion was held regarding a blanket consent being signed in the fall with the other first day of school paperwork. There was some concerns that this will be cumbersome and that this should be left to the approval of administration as that is part of their job not the job of the board. There is no need for the board to micromanage the schools. Discussion was held regarding the current consent form for taking pictures, publication, and internet and how much information should be shared. The discussion was held regarding adding the following to the form: “Do you allow video recording of your child in the classroom for educational purposes. Discussion was held regarding doing biannual approvals. The form would need to be included in the student handbook. Discussion was held regarding whether or not this should have to get board approval or just be given as informational.

The recordings are for learning purposes only not self-promotion or evaluation of staff.

The public hearing was closed at 6:48 PM.

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

Salute to the Flag

The posting locations were listed.

Public Participation:

None

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. LeGallo, Superintendent, recognized Tamara Feener, Angie Carey, Chad Carey and Peter Heath for their outstanding years of service on the school board. Tamara Feener recognized all of them for their wisdom and knowledge they brought to the board. Mr. LeGallo recognized Rachael Capri from Volleyball and Patrick Kaplan for their receipt of the Athletes of the Season.

Tamara Feener recognized Carrie Charette (FHS Teacher) and Daniel LeGallo (Superintendent) for helping with WFTN's 94.1 Cash and Can Drive. The Art Car was present as well. The Art Car was also brought to the Plymouth Rotary Hometown Holiday Celebration.

Greg Husband recognized Tamara Feener for being the Chairperson through all of the negativity and stated that she represented the board in a great manner.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS

Student Representative Report

A written student representative report was submitted but no student representative was present.

NHSBA Resolutions/Delegate Assembly (3 new)

Each the three new resolutions were read aloud and discussed.

MOTION: Greg Husband moved to approve resolution number 8 as proposed and submitted by SAU 56: Somersworth School District, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Greg Husband moved to approve resolution number 10 as proposed and submitted by SAU 33: Raymond School District, seconded by Peter Heath.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Greg Husband moved to approve and support with the modification under Class B misdemeanor as there is a \$1,200 maximum fine and can't legally propose any jail or probation time, seconded by Scott Burns.

Discussion was held regarding the effect on reporting for homeless students.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

21st Century Grant Application

A meeting was held last week with the Franklin Parks and Recreation, Boys and Girls Club, Grants Manager, and Superintendent. The application is due by March. If granted, it would be \$125,000 per year for 5 years. An overview of this program was given.

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

The auditors are working on the Franklin 2015 audit and the 2013 SAU audit. They are still awaiting the compliance information from the Department of Education.

No one had questions regarding the expenditure reports.

Update from Superintendent

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo began with the resignation letter from Angie Carey of Ward II.

MOTION: Greg Husband moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Angie Carey as a School Board Member, seconded by Peter Heath.

City Council will appoint a new School Board Member on January 4th. It has been advertised and anyone from that ward is allowed to apply. Discussion was held regarding whether or not it has been published and the deadline of January 4th for applications to be received. People were encouraged to apply to fill the position. Discussion was held regarding how City Council makes that decision.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Superintendent LeGallo received an email from Barrett Christina, from NHSBA (New Hampshire School Board's Association) regarding the sealing of minutes and provided the board with Attorney Christina's recommendations.

Superintendent LeGallo gave an overview of the partnership with A Plus Technology to write a grant for mechanical technology and what this will mean for the technology department. This is bigger than CTE.

There was a conference held at the Christa McAuliffe Center where 20 people from the district attended and obtained some great information to help the district move forward in education. Some of the staff will present at a future school board meeting.

FHS Principal Report

Richard Towne, FHS Principal, gave an overview of the topics on his written report. These topics included: Benchmark Data; Early College Program; Post-Secondary Acceptance; SAT State Test; Career Day 2015; Internship; "Triumphant 30"; Donation to the Music Department; Band and Chorus Holiday Concert; and an upcoming Professional Development opportunity for a few of the FHS Staff to go to San Jose regarding OER .

Peter Heath asked the fulltime student who also attends LRCC fulltime to speak at the next City Council Meeting as approved by the Mayor.

Lauren Pearsall, Art Teacher at FHS, gave an overview of the 2017 trip to Greece. She provided the board with a comprehensive agenda of the trip and an extensive overview of the company hosting this program. The other topics discussed were: student to adult ratio, deadline for commitment; all-inclusive package deal; scholarships; fundraisers; etc.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the 2017 trip to Greece as presented by Lauren Pearsall, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding where the high school is in the NEASC process and self-study.

Eighth grade is evolving and the school is trying to be proactive to help with acclamation.

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, gave an overview of the topics on his written report. These topics included: Honor Roll/Sports Assembly; Holiday Concert; Holiday Meal; and Important Dates to Remember.

Mr. Barbour also stated that 12 ukuleles were purchased for the students.

The Tech Times was given to the board and administration.

Discussion was held regarding proposed changes for future poll days at the Franklin Middle School such as doing in-service days on those dates for the safety of the children and staff. Discussion was held regarding additional police coverage on those dates. Proposals will be discussed next month.

With the help of Student Leadership 1038 cans were collected by students and 58 toys. The police department donated two 20” bikes for a student raffle. Many students offered to donate the bikes back if they won the raffle. The two students who won decided to keep them.

Jack Finley is still working on the proposed update for the website. Currently, Belmont/Shaker and Tilton Prep are utilizing google for their websites.

PSS Principal Report

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, gave an overview of the topics on his written report. These topics included: student Activities (Cash N Can collections, perfect attendance awards and the CLIF Grant); parent involvement (parent conferences, Title I Annual Meeting – great turnout, the goal of \$75,000 for the Playground Committee was reached with much assistance from Krystal Alpers from the Franklin Parks and Rec); teacher training (Christa McAuliffe workshop, etc.). The Staff began a ukulele club one day after school.

The Paul Smith School was recognized by the board for the providing attendance information and a sense of comerartary amongst the staff.

Discussion was held regarding the correlation between attendance and academic performance.

The fourth graders are adjusting very well at FMS.

Approval of Franklin School Board Minutes for November 16, 2015

MOTION: Peter Heath moved to approve the Franklin School Board Minutes for November 16, 2015 as corrected, seconded by Robin Gargano.

On page 2, under Student Representative Report “Amy” should have been spelled “Aimee”.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Burns gave an overview of “TOP 5” which is a Governor’s Prescription Drug Task Force. He stated that he is working with Jenn Sumner (Project AWARE), Melissa Lee, Angela Lynch (Mayor’s Drug Task Force), and Tracy Fowler (Lakes Region Public Health). He would like to see participation from the School Board on this as well.

Nothing more has been heard from the Charter School regarding lunches.

OLD BUSINESS

NHSBA Call for Resolutions

Lisa Tremblay will be attending the NHSBA Resolutions Conference. Robin Gargano will be the backup. This assembly will be held January 16th but was originally scheduled for January 9th.

Policy BEA and IAB – will be discussed next month

OTHER BUSINESS - Nothing

Committee Reports:

Liaison Committee – Tim Dow – George Dzjuna will be in contact with Tim Dow to schedule a meeting after the New Year

Buildings/Grounds/Fields – The fire department will be coming to the school to help with the cleaning of the hallway windows to the staircase that need cleaning.

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 – Jr. ROTC was postponed due to the fact that there is no room. The goal is to lower dropout rate, increase ELOs/CAP

Other Committee Reports – None

Public Participation

Discussion was held regarding security, possibly schedule days off or teacher workshop days during election days at the Franklin Middle School.

Discussion was held regarding High School Accreditation and George Dzjuna would like to meet with Richard Towne after the holidays.

Discussion was held regarding having the Franklin High School offering band representation at the next Holiday parade in Plymouth. This year Plymouth, Belmont and Gilford were represented.

Adjournment

MOTION: Greg Husband moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous