

Board Attendees: Scott Burns, Robin Gargano, Tim Dow, Lisa Tremblay, Susan Hallett-Cook, Bill Grimm, Deborah Brown, Marisa Carter and Greg Husband

Absent Board Members:

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

Others: Franklin School District Teachers, and Franklin Residents, George Dzjuna and Bob Desrochers - City Councilors, Franklin City Manager – Elizabeth Dragon, Franklin City Finance Director – Judi Milner, Leigh Webb and Annette Andriozzi (Franklin Residents) and School Board Clerk – Cathy Viau

Call to Order by Greg Husband, Chairperson, at 7:02 PM.

Salute to the Flag

Meeting Postings

Cathy Viau listed the locations where the Franklin School Board Agenda was posted.

Public Participation:

Nothing at this time.

RECOGNITIONS

Greg Husband, Franklin School Board Chairperson, encouraged everyone to bring forth recognitions of students or staff for any academic, sports, community service, and any other achievements to be recognized at each Franklin School Board meeting.

Student Sports Recognitions: Dana Bean and Kenny Torres scored 1,000 points in their basketball career and also Patrick Kaplan for his 100th wrestling win. They are all seniors. Kenny Torres and Patrick Kaplan were both present to meet the Board and be recognized for their accomplishments. They will be sent a letter and certificate of recognition from the School Board.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS

Student Representative Report

Aimee Gargano, FHS Student Representative, presented her report verbally to the Board and Administration. Aimee gave an overview of the upcoming Winter Carnival events for this week hosted by the Student Council; FYI – Franklin Youth Initiative presentation regarding the dangers of vaping which they will also present at a City Council Meeting in the next few months; National Honor Society

Chuck a Duck fundraiser during home basketball games and next tapping ceremony in the Spring for Sophomores and Juniors to apply to NHS; the Spanish trip to Spain will begin at the end of the week; the French trip is planning a trip to Canada; and the Cinderella musical is in the works right now.

Christa McAuliffe Presentation

Virginia Doyle, Curriculum Director, introduced the staff that will be presenting technology information they learned during the December Christa McAuliffe Conference.

The presentation began with the Franklin Middle School Teachers Michelle Davis (Social Studies), Nicole Martin (Science) and Brianna Vandell (4th Grade). There were handouts provided by the teachers in a folder for the Board and Administration. Nicole Martin gave an overview of News ELA and “Why I ditched the Textbook”. Brianna Vandell gave an overview of Google Classroom, Fluburoo and Zip Grade. Michelle Davis gave an overview of Zaption used in 4th grade, Reflex Math used in Odell and 5th grade, Pod Casting used in 6th grade, Goggle Draw and tile printing used in 7th grade, Flipped and Blended learning, and Virtual Field Trips. They were also given the latest version of Tech Times. They recognized Jim Dunlap and Adam Hollins from technology for all that they do to help the district with technology.

Kristen Lombard, FHS Science Teacher, showed a 2 minute video which demonstrated the use of infographics (visual interpretation) and creative commons (information licensing).

Kerri Biller, PSS Teacher, joined the meeting via Skype she explained some of the uses of Skype such as Mystery Skype whereas her classroom Skypes a classroom from a different location in the United States. The students ask questions of the Mystery Classroom and try to guess the location of the classroom. The board and administration participated in a simulation with Mrs. Biller.

It was stated that the teachers tend to do a training with other teachers after attending a conference to share information they have used. Sometimes these trainings are done as a formal professional development workshop and sometimes they are done informally with their coworkers.

Skype has also been used to conference in parents into meetings for an example if a parent is overseas and unable to attend.

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

Update, Audits

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, the hope is to be done with the 2015 Franklin School District audit this week.

Expenditure Report

No questions

Budget Work Session Dates for March/April 2016

It is the direction of the board chairperson to have the Business Administrator send out dates to the entire board to see what works best for everyone. It was decided to continue with the same process as the past years of two nights/four hour blocks.

Update from Superintendent

Mr. Daniel LeGallo, Superintendent, stated that the juniors are taking the SATs on March 2nd. This is being done in place of the Smarter Balance Testing. Mr. LeGallo toured all three buildings and visited almost all of the classrooms. He was impressed with what he saw. Mr. LeGallo, Virginia Doyle and the principals of the schools will be attending the next Choose Franklin Meeting. They will be providing the food as well. It was suggested that they bring brochures or handouts regarding each school including information regarding accreditation. They would like to promote positive recognition of the schools.

FHS Principal Report

Mr. Richard Towne, FHS Principal, provided the board with a written report but also gave additional information regarding the following topics: PSAT Results; NEAS&C Accreditation; SAT; 2016-17 Program of Studies; Course Selection; 9th Grade Transition; Internship Program; Honor Roll Assembly; Parent Advisory Committee; and 8th Grade Remediation. Mr. Towne also gave an overview of the results of the sophomore's PSATs results.

FHS Program of Studies 2016-17

Discussion was held regarding the 2016-17 Program of Studies. Some of the topics discussed was the accuracy of the course offerings; community service requirements and possible increase; number of open and utilized slots for the Winnisquam and HOUT Program; possibility of making it a requirement to tour those facilities; elimination of the behavioral consequences chart; inclusion of the NHIAA sports participation and co-curricular activities clause; addition of a Running Start Course and Drama II as well as information regarding dual enrollment.

Discussion was held regarding revisiting the curriculum policy.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to accept the 2016-17 FHS Program of Studies as presented by Richard Towne, FHS Principal, seconded by Scot Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

FHS Anime Fieldtrip to Anime Boston, MA – March 25, 2016

MOTION: Robin Gargano moved to accept the FHS Anime Fieldtrip to Anime Boston, MA – March 25, 2016, seconded by Scott Burns.

Discussion was held regarding what this club is, history behind this trip, criminal background checks, chaperone forms, number of students attending and number of chaperones attending, and student academic requirements. This information was presented by Molly Horn, FHS Chemistry Teacher.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, was absent so Jack Finley, FMS Assistant Principal, gave an overview of the principal's report. The report included information regarding the following topics: Ski Program (2 more dates left, going well); Math Team (first place standing, next meet is in March); Parent Night is March 8th (an invitation was extended as it will be fun for all); and important dates to remember.

Jack Finley also created a demo google page for another group and gave an overview of how this is working out. He will work with Adam over time on this.

PSS Principal Report

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, gave an overview of his written principal's report which included information about the following: baseline testing; remedial groups; each team is working on spring field trips; Multi-Cultural Night is February 18th and all are invited (the last couple years there has been an attendance of approximately 500 people so this is done in two time spans – 5:30-6:30 is grades K-1 and 6:30-7:30 is grades 2-3); book fair (March 4-11); Parent Involvement (PTO Meeting, Multi-cultural Night, PTO Playground Committee update); Teacher Training and Planning (Smarter Balance testing and budget preparation).

Approval of Franklin School Board Minutes for January 11, 2016

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the minutes of the Franklin School Board Meeting for January 11, 2016 as amended, seconded by Marisa Carter.

A revised version was given to the board at the beginning of the meeting with some corrections. On page 2, correct "Amy" to "Aimee", once under RECOGNITIONS and once *Student Representative Report*.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Consolidation

MOTION: Deborah Brown made the motion that the Franklin School Board not support consolidation of the financial services with the City of Franklin at this time or in the near future until positive educational benefits are clearly identified and clearly delineated, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

2016-17 Franklin School District Calendar

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the 2016-17 Franklin School District Calendar as amended, seconded by Robin Gargano.

The number of days in December was changed from 17 to 16 and the number of days in June was changed from 11 to 12 moving the last day of school to an Early Release on the 16th instead of the 15th. The calendar generally coincides with the Career and Tech Centers.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Franklin School Board Committees

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to approve the Franklin School Board Committees as read aloud with corrections as requested, seconded by Marisa Carter.

City Council Liaison – Greg Husband, Susan Hallett-Cook, Scott Burns
Finance – Tim Dow, Bill Grimm, Deb Brown (Chair)
Negotiations – Scott Burns, Deb Brown, Tim Dow (Chair)
Buildings and Grounds – Bill Grimm, Marisa Carter, Ralph Downes, Robin Gargano (Chair)
Scholarship – Scott Burns, Deborah Brown, Tamara Feener, Robert Lucas, Andrea McFall, Robin Gargano (Chair)
Policy – Tim Dow, Susan Hallett- Cook, Bill Grimm (Chair)
Mayor’s Drug Task Force – Lisa Tremblay
Legislative NHSBA – Lisa Tremblay, Robin Gargano (back-up)
Capital Improvement – Robin Gargano, Deb Brown, Dave Libatore, Susan Hallett-Cook (Chair)
Wellness – Marisa Carter, Lisa Tremblay
Sick Bank – Lisa Tremblay
I ² – Robin Gargano, Susan Hallett- Cook, Tamara Feener, Scott Burns (Chair)
Franklin’s SAU 18 Withdrawal Planning – Scott Burns, Susan Hallett-Cook

There was some discussion about the committees choosing their own chairperson versus the Board Chairperson choosing them. There was some discussion regarding a draft for each committee stating the purpose and role of each committee. Some board members were concerned that they were not placed on the committees they requested.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing.

POLICY

Review, Discussion, and Approval for First Reading Policy IKF – High School Preparation Policy

This was brought forth after a review of the January 12, 2015 minutes increasing the graduation requirements not be accurately reflected on this policy IKF. After some discussion the board requested to table this item until comparisons were done with other districts in the area regarding graduation requirements and community service hours. Discussion was held regarding the request to mandate a course that would teach life skills such as budgeting, personal finance, economics etc.

OTHER BUSINESS – Discussion was held about a social media posting, without specifics, regarding a potential bullying issue which has since been addressed and corrected. It was stated that the proper way to handle such findings to report it to the Principal and/or Superintendent to follow the proper chain of command. It should not be handled by the board on a personal level prior.

Committee Reports:

Liaison Committee – Deb Brown stated that she attended the last City Council Meeting where she was pleased to announce that the entire board was present for their initial meeting

Buildings/Grounds/Fields - Nothing

Finance Committee - Nothing

Scholarship Committee – Robin Gargano reported that they are working on a Cash Calendar and is requested that each board member sell 10. So far there are 27 prizes and some were listed.

Wellness Committee – Marisa Carter reported that the committee met today and they would like to come to a board

meeting in May to present a Wellness Policy.

I² Committee – Scott Burns stated that they are still fundraising and also doing a Cash Calendar

Other Committee Reports – NHSBA Legislative – Lisa Tremblay will report on this in March 2016

Public Participation

Nothing.

Adjournment

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 9:17 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous