

**Board Attendees:** Scott Burns, Bill Grimm, Tim Dow, Susan Hallett-Cook, Deborah Brown, Marisa Carter, Robin Gargano

**Absent Board Members:** Lisa Tremblay and Greg Husband

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

**Others:** Many Parents, Staff and Students, School Board Clerk – Cathy Viau

**Call to Order by Robin Gargano, Vice Chairperson, at 6:01 PM.**

**Salute to the Flag**

**Opened Public Participation but no one spoke.**

### ***8<sup>th</sup> GRADE LOCATION***

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo gave an overview of the why the 8<sup>th</sup> grade was moved to the high school and why he proposes to move it back to the middle school. It was explained that a lot of discussion was held between Mr. LeGallo, Mr. Finley and Mr. Barbour regarding room assignments, scheduling, etc. It was stated that the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders belong in the Middle School and this new plan is a great plan. Every wing will be mixed, every science classroom will be utilized as a classroom, and no additional staff will be needed to accommodate this change. All activities will be open to all students in grades 4-8. It has been found that the older students mentor the younger students. The only new students that will be at the school next year will be the incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders. A letter was sent home to parents and students requesting input regarding this change and the feedback was favorable. Parents at the meeting were in favor of this change. There was some concern shared regarding handicap accessibility to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade wing.

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to approve the Superintendent and Middle School Administration proposal to bring the 8<sup>th</sup> graders back to the Franklin Middle School from the Franklin High School for the 2016-17 school year, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Discussion was held regarding the possible uses of the space at the high school. It was also stated that it is more appropriate to have the 8<sup>th</sup> grade back at the middle school.

A handout was distributed to the board with the schedule and room assignments.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**

### ***DISCUSSION, BUDGET 2016-17***

Discussion began by sharing the disappointing news of the decrease in revenue as follows:

-\$102,855 from tuition from other LEAs in NH; Adequate Education Grant -\$283,431, and Food Service -\$127,999 and an increase in District Appropriation of \$41,470, bring the deficit to -\$472,815 from this current year. And the projected revenues of \$14,450,014 for the 2016-17 school year. This year's projected revenues are \$14,922,829

With this in mind and the mandatory items of insurance (\$161,134), teachers CBA/new hires (\$201,000), retirement (\$67,659), Support CBA (\$114,000), custodial CBA (\$9,674.64), Computers, Materials and Supplies (\$420,922.96) = total of \$974,390.60

After the Superintendent and Business Administrator meeting with all administration, they came up with \$410,180.66 in reductions. This still leaves an overage of \$1.5 million in order to meet this, it would mean cutting (RIF) 24 staff members within the district. This would be devastating to the district.

According to law, staff must be notified of RIFs (Reduction in Force) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

Discussion was held regarding the tax allocation of the City of Franklin (25.03 – 16.00 to city and 9.00 to school) being 65% to the City and 35% to the School. This is not in-line with other similar cities and towns in the state such as Claremont (\$41.33 – 22.98 to school and 18.35 to city), Laconia (22.20 – 12.13 to school and 10.07 to city), Berlin (\$39.19 – 16.68 to school and 22.51 to city), Lebanon (27.61 – 15.84 to school and 11.77 to city). There were many concerns shared that this is not a fair split and that the school should either get more or at least be more equal in the split. It was also stated that in order to move forward and better the city and its reputation there needs to be more focus on funding education. On many occasions it was stated that something needs to drastically change and school and school board needs to take a stand. It also needs to be made well known that any grant funds cannot be used or viewed to supplant the school budget as there are strict guidelines for its use and cannot off set the budget.

Discussion was held regarding court placement, private placement, out of district placement as well as its process and guidelines. Discussion was held regarding retirement, secretarial year round coverage at each school, alternative education location enrollment and location, teacher assistant funding for each school, athletics (a request to cut \$5,000 for the budget on page 18 of the handout), field trips, electronics were cut previously, new equipment was cut was cut previously, ELO Coordinator and Behavioral Specialist was cut previously, new desks were cut previously, other professional services and the changes within the program was discussed, capital reserve funds, potential increase in DCYF placements (expected law change), trust funds replacement, surplus, and mission/vision/goals/matrix. Over the past six weeks all of the administrators met at least twice

It was the consensus of the Board that there is no way more teachers can be cut. The next City Council Meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at City Hall and everyone is encouraged to go.

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to approve the Franklin School Board Budget for the 2016-17 School Year in the amount of \$15,764,019.94 to move forward to the Franklin City Council in June 2016, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Daniel LeGallo was instructed to contact the Franklin City Manager and Mayor sharing the Franklin School Board's intention and explain what the initial budget was, what has been cut, the process leading to this point, and the devastating outcome if the budget is not approved.

**Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 1 Opposed (Bill Grimm)**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to state that the Franklin School Board will not accept the a budget of \$14,450,014 or less from the Franklin City Council and that the City must invest in education, seconded by Scott Burns.

It is the thought of the board that they cannot in good conscious cut any more teachers.

**Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 1 Opposed (Bill Grimm)**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to go into Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 paragraph IIa, personnel at 7:30 pm, seconded by Deborah Brown.

**Roll Call Vote – All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to come out of non-public session at 7:55 pm, seconded by Deborah Brown.

**Roll Call Vote – All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to seal the non-public meeting minutes for a period of one year, seconded by Deborah Brown.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to adjourn at 7:56 pm, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**