

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

**Absent Board Members:** Greg Husband

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

**Others:** approximately 38 Franklin Residents/Teachers/Students, 6 Others, Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

**Call to Order by Robin Gargano, Vice Chairperson, at 7:01 PM.**

**Salute to the Flag**

**Meeting Postings**

It was stated that the meeting agenda was posted at the SAU Office, Franklin Public Library, Franklin City Hall, the three schools, and the website.

**Public Participation:**

State Representative Werner Horn asked if anyone had any questions for him in his representative capacity.

Wanda Bourgeois, Franklin Resident, shared her concerns about the tax allocation being a 35% school and 65% city split. She stated that this needs to be addressed for more educational funding. We are second to the lowest funded and doesn't want the children to lose out on educational offerings.

Jen Goulet, Franklin Resident, asked if there would be public participation at the beginning and end of the meeting. The answer was "yes".

**RECOGNITIONS - none**

**PRESENTATION/REPORTS**

*Wellness Presentation*

Maggie Lohmann, Wellness Committee Representative, presented a PowerPoint presentation called the Wellness Report 2015-16. This presentation contained information about the following topics: Wellness Committee Mission Statement; Franklin School District Wellness Committee Members; Franklin School District Report and policy; Paul Smith Elementary School report; Paul Smith

Elementary school Garden Project; Paul Smith Elementary New Playground Equipment; Go Noodle; Franklin Middle School Report; Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program; Franklin Middle Schoolers Have Lots of Time to Run; Healthy Cooking; Franklin High School Report; FHS “Life of an Athlete” Program; Healthy lifestyle information; Staff model healthy behaviors by...; Franklin School District Cafeteria Offerings; Future Plans; Summer Lunch Program from June 30-August 15, 2016; Harvest Box “grow an extra row!”; Franklin’s Community Day; and HEAL NH “Healthy Eating Active Living”.

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

Aimee Gargano, Student Representative, was unable to attend but did provide a written report to the Board and Administration.

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

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

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, stated that the Franklin School District audits are current. The SAU audit for 2013 draft will be going out soon.

#### ***Expenditure Report – no questions***

### ***Update from Superintendent***

Superintendent Dan LeGallo stated:

- The Music Department received a \$10,000 grant;
- A copy of the FHS “The Treble Maker” was given to the board from the FHS Music Department;
- The drop-out rate has decreased from 3.1% to 2.28%
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant was not received by the district but the district may reapply in two years;
- Discussion was held regarding RSA 328 about cooperation between school and city
- Hill School District has put an RFP for superintendent services which is due by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Franklin School Board was interested and in favor of moving forward with a bid to the Hill School District
  - **MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to allow the Superintendent to move forward to research a plan to send an RFP for Superintendent Services to the Hill School Board, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.
  - **Motion Carried** – Unanimous
- Budget Update: A history of the process was given. The Board had moved forward in a previous meeting (May 9, 2016) to move a budget of \$15,764, 019 to the City of Franklin. The administration began to try to work on more cuts. The board agreed that this budget being presented has already been nickel and dimed and is bare bones. It is the responsibility of the district to educate our students to the best of school districts’s ability. If the proper funding is not given, this will be jeopardized. The current projected revenues are \$14,450,014. The city and community needs to be informed and provide input for a better understanding. Everyone works hard in the district and needs to focus on the future and outcomes. It was asked to have the superintendent explain what all of this means. He began with the process of creating a

budget and the numerous cuts that have been made totaling over \$400,000 which then brought the budget down to \$15,764,019. According to RSA 189 all teachers/professional staff must be informed by May 15<sup>th</sup> if there is a possibility of reductions. Since there is still a gap of \$1.3 million dollars between the proposed budget and the revenues, there is a greater possibility that there would be reductions. This is where the 22 teachers and 3 support staff positions were given a reduction in force notice. If the budget \$15,764, 019 is approved by the city, those positions will be reinstated. Therefore, it was the legal obligation of the district to provide these notices according to RSA statues. The budget will be presented to the city with much detail. It was encouraged to have community members attend and share their concerns with the City Council.

- It was stated, “We are a team. We are the Community of Franklin.”

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to not accept the additional budget reductions until the city council is presented the budget, seconded by Deborah Brown.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**

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

Mr. Richard Towne, FHS Principal, provided a written report on the following topics: 2016-17 Budget; Master Schedule; Student Led Conferences; Grade 8; NH Scholars; and Senior Trip.

When asked about the budget from the public and board members the following concerns were stated:

- Classes will be much larger
- Less course offering, potentially jeopardizing accreditation and scholarships
- Potential effect on athletic eligibility
- Jeopardizing personalized learning
- Lack of community support
- Future view on Franklin and people not moving in due to education
- Loss of common planning time
- Reduction in intervention
- Change in the Program of Studies
- Jeopardizing the NH Scholar Program
- Potential increase in the number of study halls students may have
- What is the breaking point for the budget
- Block scheduling versus other options
- Instructional hours required for each credit

Two master schedules will need to be created until the budget is finalized.

Discussion was held regarding the timing and approval of the budget being so close to the end of the school year. There was a request to see if this could be done more timely in both the school and city.

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

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, provided the board with a written report and an additional handout Tech Times. The topics shared on the report were: Math Team (FMS finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 teams); Smarter Balanced/NECAPS; End of Year Activities; Westward Movement; Egypt/Mummy's; Important Dates to Remember for May and June.

When asked how FMS would be affected by these cuts, the following was shared:

- Class size
- Loss of French, Computers, some Special Education; Odell Program, Behavioral Program, etc.
- And more.

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

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, provided the board with a written report which included the following topics: Student Activities (Benchmark testing, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Concert, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade FMS tour, Kindergarten Enrollment Night and screening, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to the SEE Museum in Manchester, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Remick Farm); Parent Involvement; and Teacher Training and Planning. The Ukulele Group of students and staff will be playing at the Fischer [DB1] Cats Game for CHAD on Thursday.

When asked how PSS would be affected by these cuts, the following was shared:

- Class sizes
- Technology position RIF but need to still incorporate it in the program for elementary approval through the state [DB2] [DB3]
- Intervention/Special Education position RIF – will affect how behaviors are handled. Behavioral support is so needed.

### ***Approval of Franklin School Board Minutes for April 18, 2016***

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to approve the minutes of the Franklin School Board Meeting for April 18, 2016 as amended, seconded by Tim Dow.

Please see the last page of the minutes for the changes.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

### ***Approval of Franklin School Board Minutes for May 9, 2016***

**MOTION:** Deb Brown moved to approve the minutes of the Franklin School Board meeting for May 9, 2016 as amended, seconded by Tim Dow.

**Motion Carried – 7-1 (Lisa Tremblay abstained).**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*The Custodial and Support Staff Contracts are not completed at this time.*

***Retirement of Mary Maloney, FHS Guidance Counselor***

**MOTION:** Deb Brown moved to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mary Maloney, FHS Guidance Counselor, seconded by Tim Dow.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

***Resignation of Jennifer Tuttle, FHS Special Education Teacher***

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Tuttle, FHS Special Education Teacher, seconded by Marissa Carter.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

***Resignation of Christine Lavoie, Elementary Teacher***

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Christine Lavoie, Elementary Teacher, seconded by Deborah Brown.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

Exit interviews will be done with all of the staff.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Withdrawal***

The plan was sent to the State Board of Education on Friday and [DB4] they have up to 60 days. The Superintendent will work on a response to the Hill School District RFP.

**POLICY - None**

**OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**Committee Reports:**

Liaison Committee – Nothing

Buildings/Grounds/Fields - Nothing

Finance Committee – met today and worked on a \$60,000 reduction that is on hold.

Scholarship Committee – did a 50/50 Raffle and the winner received \$174 – Steph Belier (spelling?) was the winner. [DB5]

Wellness Committee – met today and presented at the beginning of this meeting

I<sup>2</sup> Committee – Mr. LeGallo shared some information about civil air patrol; the reduction in the drop-out rate; working on preschool with the Special Education Director for more mainstreaming.

Other Committee Reports – Negotiations – Met today and will be meeting again prior to the next board meeting.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Werner Horn asked why the board begins to work on the budget so late in the year, the tuition gap from Hill and the other shortfalls and why nothing was done about this sooner.

The budget is done late because the revenues are made available very late in the year.

The budget will be presented to the Franklin City Council on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer Weaver stated that we can continue to blame each other but the children deserve more. We teach our children to share, get along, solve problems and work together. We must remain civil and things need to be done in the best interest of the students. There is the fear of losing accreditation. The kids have no say and have the most to lose. They are losing what a lot of us received...why don't they deserve an education. They must be worth it. Let's help each other out and give the money to educate the children that we love. Charlie Chapple has been RIF'd. He lives in the community and is invested in the community. Mrs. Weaver did meet with the mayor, through every emotion, and stated that we must work together to solve this problem.

Robert Lucas thanked the board and understands the budget process. The children need an adequate education and it is up to the community, superintendent and principals to educate the city council and paint the true and consequential picture for everyone to see if these cuts happen.

Jen Goulet asked why so many teachers are cut but no other areas. She asked if fundraising could be done to help fund some of what the children need.

Jeff Savoy inquired about the cost of the administrative raises which was about \$12,529. He also asked if the raises were not given, could the funds be reallocated to help save teachers. He encouraged everyone to attend the city council meeting and stated that everyone needs to stand up and voice their opinions with passion and importance. We are one of the lowest funded in education in NH.

Everyone was thanked for attending and stating their thoughts.

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A; 3, paragraph II a (personnel) at 8:45 pm, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Roll Call Vote – All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to come out of Non-Public session at 9:23 pm, seconded by Susan Hallett Cook.

**Roll Call Vote - All in Favor**  
**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A; 3, paragraph II a (personnel) at 9:30 pm, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

**Roll Call Vote – All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to come out of Non-Public session at 9:40 pm, seconded by Deborah Brown.

**Roll Call Vote - All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to seal the minutes of both May 16, 2016 non-public sessions for a period of 5 years, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Roll Call Vote – All in Favor**

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:** Scott Burns moved to freeze the Franklin School District Administrative raises and approve the salary adjustments for the Special Education Director and Buildings and Grounds Director for the 2016-17 School Year, seconded by Tim Dow.

**Motion Carried – Unanimous**

**MOTION:**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to adjourn at 9:43 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**