

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

Absent Board Members:

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; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal

Others: Residents/Teachers/Students (approximately 16), Student Representative – Aimee Gargano, Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

Call to Order by Greg Husband, 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:

Jen Weaver, Ward II, stated that it should be the mission of the board to approve a fully funded budget and not accept anything less from City Council. This includes putting items back that were originally cut such as Art, Odell, etc. totaling \$400,000. By not including these we are hurting the students. This means the Board should propose the fully funded budget of \$16,174,200. The students deserve it.

RECOGNITIONS

Robin Gargano recognized Rachel Capri (Salutatorian, 2nd in academics at the high school) and Aimee Gargano (Valedictorian, 1st in academics at the high school) for the Class of 2016.

Greg Husband recognized the Girls Softball Team for an extremely great season. Mr. Husband also recognized the Senior Class Trip Advisors, chaperones and students. It was well attended and it looks like they had a great time.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS

Student Representative Report

Aimee Gargano, Student Representative, gave a verbal report regarding the great job with the production of Cinderella of June 9-12, 2016. Just with concessions they made \$850. It was a great experience for

the juniors and seniors to bond with the younger students. Drama is going to be doing FACT this summer again. Student Council has been working on fundraisers and transition to take on the leadership roles. NHS has been working on community service projects. The juniors and seniors are working on a video to talk about wanting parents to be more involved and talk to them about such things as drugs, etc. Today was the Firemen's cookout, yearbooks were given out, and tomorrow night is Scholarship Night for the seniors.

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

Update, Audits

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, stated they are prepping for the 2016 Franklin School District audit and working on the 2014 SAU audit with the auditors.

Amanda Bergquist stated that due to the numerous administrative changes within the district. The Franklin School District bank accounts will need to have a new resolution made to have Superintendent Daniel LeGallo be the agent, Treasurer be the signer on these accounts, as well as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. This was approved by the board.

Discussion was held regarding the sweep account and main account. A history was given and the process for how this works was provided verbally. This included the minimum that is required in the account, the third party automatic transfer, rather than manual, which is insured by the FDIC and is no additional cost.

Expenditure Report – no questions

Update from Superintendent

Superintendent Dan LeGallo began with resignations.

- Ginelle Czerula – Special Education Teacher/Assistant Principal at Paul Smith Elementary School
 - **MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ginelle Czerula – Special Education Teacher/Assistant Principal at Paul Smith Elementary School, seconded by Bill Grimm.
 - **Motion Carried - Unanimous**
- Jake Stevens – FMS Music Teacher
 - **MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jake Stevens as the FMS Music Teacher, seconded by Susan Hallett- Cook.
 - **Motion Carried - Unanimous**

- Virginia Doyle – Curriculum Director
 - **MOTION:** Marisa Carter moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Virginia Doyle – Curriculum Director, seconded by Scott Burns.

Greg Husband thanked Virginia Doyle for all of the efforts she put into curriculum, development of the strategic plan, and so much more.
 - **Motion Passes – 8 in Favor and 1 Opposed (Greg Husband)**

- Richard Towne – FHS Principal
 - **MOTION:** Tim Dow moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Richard Towne – FHS Principal, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Greg Husband thanked Richard Towne for all of his service.
 - **Motion Passes – 8 in Favor and 1 Opposed (Greg Husband)**

Discussion, Waive the School Board Salaries

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to waive the Franklin School Board salaries for the 2016-17 school year, seconded by Marisa Carter.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Request for FHS Parking Lot Use

This request was made by a friend of the family of the young lady that died just before graduation in Plymouth. Her parents work at WATTS. They are looking to raise funds to help this family. They would like to hold this event next Saturday. It will be a car show in the FHS parking lot.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the request for the Car Show Fundraiser of next Saturday as presented by the Superintendent and waive any fees pertaining to this event, seconded by Bill Grimm.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Withdrawal

The withdrawal meeting with the State Board of Education was supposed to be held in June but after consulting with the Hill and Franklin School Boards' attorneys, they requested more time to try to work together regarding assets, software, etc.

There will be a meeting taking place with both attorneys, the superintendent, business administrator and an invitation was extended to any of the board members at 1 pm on June 14th at the SAU Office.

The State Board of Education will place the withdrawal on the July agenda.

Title I On-site

A Title I on-site has occurred and we did well. There were just a few outdated policies that need to be revised annually.

Smarter Balance Preliminary Reports

The Superintendent provided two documents to show the last two years of testing results and comparison of the Smarter Balance testing.

Narcan

Narcan is in all three schools. Discussion was held regarding who should and will be trained and the creation of a policy. Concerns were expressed regarding what can occur when Narcan is given. Patients tend to get extremely violent.

FHS Principal Report

Mr. Richard Towne, FHS Principal, provided a written report on the following topics: FHS Class of 2016 Top Ten Students, Graduation 2016, Senior Trip, Master Schedule 2016-17, and Early College.

Several applications have been received for early college. This amount still remains in the budget. This year there was two applications.

A final decision will be made on whether graduation will be held outside or not by Wednesday evening. We have not had an outside graduation since 2013.

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, provided the board with a written report regarding the following topics: Semi-Formal, BBQ and important dates to remember.

PSS Principal Report

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, provided the board with a written report regarding the following topics: Student Activities, Parent Involvement, and Teacher Training and Planning.

In addition, today there was a combination Flag Day/Memorial Day celebration put together by Jen Weaver (2nd Grade Teacher) and Tim Hazelton (Music Teacher) of PSS.

Mr. Hoyt also wanted to recognize Mrs. Foley as Speech Assistant for all of her years of dedication as she is retiring.

It has been difficult to plan trainings and so much more without a solid budget. It is very difficult to not know until mid-July. He shared his concerns of having more requests for recommendations than ever. Many people are worried and for the future of their jobs and the district.

Approval of Franklin School Board Minutes for May 16, 2016

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the minutes of the Franklin School Board Meeting for May 16, 2016 as amended, seconded by Deborah Brown.

On page 2, final motion, between “to” and “forward” the word “move” should be added. On page 3, line 6, change the word “position” to “positions”.

Motion Passes – 8 in favor and 1 Abstained (Greg Husband)

NEW BUSINESS

Trimesters at the Middle School

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, would like to change from semesters to trimesters just as the elementary. Due to the competency based training it would give more time for student mastery of subjects.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the Franklin Middle School to transition from semesters to trimesters as presented by Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Food Prices

Discussion was held regarding the current pricing and state recommended pricing. It was stated that it is already very difficult for families to be able to afford what the cost is now. Discussion was held regarding the cost of food and whether or not the costs have gone up. Franklin does participate in a buying group. Currently, 65% of students are receiving free or reduced lunch. Many families have multiple children and the cost would not be affordable. It is difficult times.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to table further discussion until the July meeting in hopes that Brenda Petelle, Food Service Director, could be present for questions and explanation of increase to food cost for number of meals served, seconded by Scott Burns.

Is there a policy on the price of meals or free and reduced lunch?

Discussion was held regarding alternatives served to students due to affordability.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Hill RFP/Bid

A copy of the proposed bid was included in the packet to the board. It was broken down by price and service. The total for all services proposed is \$103,000. The current assessment is \$97,000. The bid is due to Hill by July 15th.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve opening up the Hill RFP/Bid for discussion and approval, seconded by Robin Gargano.

This is for the 2017-18 School Year if the withdrawal is approved. This is not based on a formula but rather a look at each position and approximate time used. This is not a sealed bid.

Motion Passes – 8 in Favor and 1 Opposed (Deborah Brown)

OLD BUSINESS

The contracts will be discussed at the end in Non-Public.

Budget Update

A copy of a PowerPoint presentation was provided to the Board and Public (Franklin School District Budget Summary 2016-17)

After consideration of all of the community members present and all of the students, staff, community members etc. at the last Franklin City Council Meeting, the board felt it is only right to honor the wishes of the constituents and education of our students to move forward with a fully funded Franklin School District budget.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to change the Franklin School District budget for 2016-17 back to the originally proposed amount of \$16,174,200.60 rather than the \$15,764,019 as requested by many of the students and community members, seconded by Scott Burns.

The budget, prior to this reinstatement, was lacking in Technology and teachers. In order to move the students forward, these are necessary. We cannot expect teachers to teach without the necessary tools and teach effectively with the lack of teachers. It is important to fully fund the necessary education.

The Communication Committee has been working on a guide titled “Community Guide to Understanding the School Districts Budget”. This should also be placed on the website.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

POLICY

JBAB – Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students (NEW)

Discussion was held and many parents are concerned with the safety of the children/students. Many parents stated that they are uncomfortable with this policy. They inquired about what would happen if the schools refused to do this. This policy came directly from the New Hampshire School Board Association. It was stated that it will be approved as first reading but can be changed or denied.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve policy JBAB – Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students as presented for first reading, seconded by Bill Grimm.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

IHBG-R – Participation in Public School Activities by Home Educated and Non-Public School Pupils (NEW)

Any place the word “Parent(s)” is used it should be “Parent(s)/Guardian(s)”.

It was stated that it was nice to have the Charter School included in the parade and was asked if the Adult Education Students could be included next year as well.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve policy IHBG-R – Participation in Public School Activities by Home Educated and Non-Public School Pupils as amended for first reading, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

KB – Title I Parent Involvement in Education (REVISED)

Removal of the word “Hill” from the title was done. Any place the word “Parent(s)” is used it should be “Parent(s)/Guardian(s)”. This policy should be reviewed every year

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve policy KB – Title I Parent Involvement in Education as amended for first reading, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

The superintendent is to check to see if there are other policies that should be reviewed annually.

OTHER BUSINESS

Richard Towne (FHS Principal) and Molly Horn (Teacher and Anime Advisor) gave an overview of an overnight camping trip in the lower field of the Franklin High School on August 2-3, 2016. This included a letter signed by the superintendent for the fire department as they are requesting a fire in a

fire pit. This is the second year. There will be multiple chaperones and numerous tents. There will also be team building.

Greg Husband shared some facts about Franklin:

65% of the graduating class started at PSS

31% did not

9% are Hill

½ of the students who did not start at Franklin dropped out

40% of those who dropped out are 16 years of age or older

Many of the families are in transition

Many students have other issues and problems going on in life

The truth about the community needs to be shared.

71% of the graduates moved on to higher education

9% moved on to the military

The question is how they are doing now...were they successful. Discussion was held regarding reinstating the contract with the Clearinghouse to be able to access this information which is believed to go back 10 years. The cost is uncertain at this time.

Discussion was held regarding the ASVAB testing past and current process.

Strategic Planning Sub Committee is meeting Wednesday night.

City Council is being presented with the Franklin School District Budget for 2016-17 tomorrow night.

Scholarship Night is being held tomorrow night.

The public thanked the board and administration for coming together in support of education for our students.

The students were recognized for speaking out about education at the last Franklin City Council Meeting. Everyone is very proud of them.

The staff and community members were recognized for being present and speaking up about education at the last Franklin City Council Meeting as well. Everyone was phenomenal.

Werner Horn was in support of surveys for people to fill out and mentioned incentivizing them to motivate returns. He also inquired about how adult education was funded? And if students paid tuition for classes? Is there a way to market the program? He also inquired about having a wall of honor in the high school dedicated to alumni who have and are serving the country.

It was clarified how Adult Education is funded and cost of tuition paid by students.

Further research and discussion will need to occur regarding the Wall of Honor.

Committee Reports:

Liaison Committee – The next meeting is June 27th at 6:00 pm.

Buildings/Grounds/Fields – They met and went through the list of needs which will be moved forward to the Capital Improvement Committee.

Finance Committee – Today the committee met to discussion “what if” scenarios and also discussed order of priorities to return to the budget depending on the City Council outcome to help the district move forward.

Scholarship Committee – Meeting June 21st. Due to lack of qualified applicants no one was selected but there will an invitation to Mr. Dubois as he is requesting to lower the required GPA for education students who apply. [DB1]

Wellness Committee – Met last week and a speaker will be chosen from each school to share information and information should be added to the website.

I² Committee – last meeting was postponed until July 2016

Other Committee Reports –

Negotiations – Met and will be discussing the CBAs for Support Staff and Custodians in Non-Public

Communications/Community Engagement Committee – met once and have been working on improving communication pamphlets etc. They would like to involve the community, business owners, parents, staff, administration, city council, teachers, and students to improve communication and public image of the City of Franklin.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A; 3, paragraph II b/e (negotiation contracts and personnel) at 8:32 pm, seconded by Scott Burns.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding contract negotiations for Support Staff and Custodians.

Discussion was held regarding personnel matters.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to come out of Non-Public session at 8:54 pm, seconded by Robin Gargano.

Roll Call Vote - All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the Custodial 3 Year CBA as presented by the Negotiations Committee, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the Support Staff 3 Year CBA as presented by the Negotiations Committee, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Adjournment

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to adjourn at 8:58 PM, seconded by Robin Gargano.

Motion Carried - Unanimous