

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

Absent Board Members: Robin Gargano (Vice Chairperson), Lisa Tremblay

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Jack Finley – FMS Assistant Principal; Paul Borsh – Special Education Director; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal; Brenda Petelle – Food Service Director;

Others: Werner Horn (Franklin Resident); Charlie Chapple (Franklin Resident/Teacher); Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

Call to Order by Greg Husband, Chairperson, at 5:01 PM.

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.

2016-17 School Year Budget – Work Session

Topics of Discussion were:

- Discussion was held regarding the \$380,000 that is a floating topic in the public.
- Misinformation out in the public being shared.
- Franklin City tax rate allocation of 35% to Schools and 65% to the City Municipal.
- Some added revenue adjustments made are:
 - \$100,000 – Projected Fund Balance
 - \$150,000 – Release of Audit Reserve
 - \$31,783 – Building Aid Adjustment
 - \$35,000 – Interest on Note Adjustment
 - Totaling \$316,783

There is no premium holiday.

The bond has been corrected.

\$156,739.46 can be removed as expenses as these are savings from the following areas: Support Staff CBA, Custodian CBA, Freeze on Admin Salaries, Health Insurance Changes, Correction to Interest on Note, and School Board Stipends removal.

A handout was provided with the allocation of funds to areas similar in size, population, square miles for each community, number of students in the district, total municipal expenditures and change in population over 54 years. These communities referenced were: Newport, Raymond, Epping,

Farmington and Franklin. The breakdown included School District, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Municipal Services, City Administration, SAU, and Total Municipal Expenditures. Franklin far supersedes the municipal side of expenditures over the other areas but lacks in educational expenditure allocations.

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to accept the amount of \$281,783 revenue adjustment and the \$35,000 reduction in expenses to more accurately reflect the current standing towards the 2016-17 School Year School Budget, seconded by Tim Dow.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Bill Grimm moved to accept the new amount of \$15,982,461.14 to present to the City which reflects the discussion and associated savings, Tim Dow seconded.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to open, for discussion, the amount of previous proposed reductions of \$410,180.66 from the budget, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Numerous scenarios and options were discussed for several items listed. Whatever decisions are made will be very difficult as all of these positions are important for the students.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to remove the ELO Coordinator from the 2016-17 School Year Proposed School Budget, seconded by Bill Grimm.

Discussion was held regarding what that amount would entail such as benefits, taxes, etc. In the past this position was grant funded. It is important to have this position to aid in the dropout rate. The focus is to helping the students get an education.

Discussion was held regarding a report that some students in the High School Social Studies Program did regarding “What education means to a community”. City Council has already received this and the board would like a copy as well.

It was stated the way the City of Franklin spends its money shows that education is not valued. The need is to focus on educating the future of Franklin.

Discussion was held regarding ELO options. There are concerns regarding liability, supervision, management, legality and function if this is outsourced.

Motion Passes – 4 in Favor and 3 Opposed (Tim Dow, Deborah Brown, and Susan Hallett-Cook)

MOTION: Susan Hallett-Cook moved to remove the PSS Art Teacher from the 2016-17 School Year Proposed School Budget, seconded by Scott Burns.

The staff at Paul Smith Elementary School have been trained on Picture Writing which incorporates art and writing in one.

There is a strong need for Behavioral Specialists and Behavioral Program due to the desperate need of the student population.

Discussion was held regarding Professional Development and its importance to the growth of the district, students and staff.

Motion Passes – 5 in Favor and 2 Opposed (Tim Dow and Deborah Brown)

MOTION: Marisa Carter moved to cut just the proposed supply reduction as shown on the list given by the Business Administrator, seconded by Bill Grimm.

It was discussed that Marisa Carter and her husband would approach the local churches for donations to help cover the cost of supplies.

It was stated that many teachers spend their own money on buying supplies for their classroom needs.

Motion Passes – 5 in Favor and 2 Opposed (Tim Dow and Deborah Brown)

Discussion of Professional Development was tabled and may be discussed at a later time.

Technology is broken down in the budget as 10-2225.

Adjournment

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to adjourn at 5:51 PM, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried - Unanimous