

Board Member Attendees: Scott Burns, Robin Gargano (Vice Chairperson) until 7:50 PM, Susan Hallett-Cook, Tim Dow, Lisa Tremblay, Deborah Brown, Marisa Carter

Absent Board Members: Greg Husband (Chairperson)

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Carrie Charette – FHS Principal; Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Jack Finley – FMS Assistant Principal; Paul Borsh – Special Education Director; Jule Finley – Curriculum Director; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal

Others: Residents/Teachers, 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

Glen Feener, Ward II, inquired about the administrative salary raises of 1.5%, what the cost to the district is, where does this money come from, the audit process, grant fund allocation, grant reporting and its effect on per pupil cost, and the DOE 25.

Amanda Maguire invited everyone to attend the Franklin Library to discuss the proposed youth program they are looking to begin.

Many are unable to attend as there is a Joint Finance Committee Meeting at the same time.

RECOGNITIONS

Daniel LeGallo, Superintendent, recognized Dan Sylvester for his receipt of the NHIAA Award for all of his great work he has done.

Tim Dow recognized the Superintendent for handling the bus issues. He physically took a tour on the bus and made some adjustments to stops and scheduling.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS:

Student Representative Report

Julie, the new Student Representative presented a written report to the board. Julie touched upon the following topics: new administration; great climate of the school; Homecoming; Sports; National Honor Society – Conference; Summer FACT Program and the NH Educational Theater Guild; Music Department Meadowbrook Charitable trust fundraiser; and upcoming elections and political science class creative engagement and shadowing opportunities.

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

Update, Audits

Amanda Bergquist, Business Administrator, the district is working on the 2016 audit for Franklin and 2015 for the SAU. The auditors were at the SAU last week.

Expenditure Report

Some grants will be ending on September 30th and some grants for 2016 have not been approved yet. Therefore, the budget report for grants will continue to be adjusted accordingly.

Update from Superintendent

Superintendent Dan LeGallo gave an overview of “My Turn”; offer of tours for all school board members at each school; proposal to merge the Strategic Plan and Communications Committees as well the Capital Improvement and Finance Committees; SAT Scores; Resignation of Bill Grimm from the School Board; Enrollment; Middle School Classification; Nominations; Mission and Vision; Cop-Sync; and “Call” for NHSBA Resolutions.

There were presenters explaining what “My Turn” is and what they do. They provide assistance with internships, GED, High School Diploma; life skills; help further education; paid internships; etc. They used to be located in Laconia but have since moved to Franklin. They work with Penny O’Connor in many instances and have received a great deal of support from the Franklin School District. It is the hope of the district to partner with “My Turn” for the second semester. This would also work as a supplement to the ELO Program. Last year 60 people were placed in internships.

The Board has been welcomed to tour the schools at their convenience after contacting the Superintendent.

Discussion was held regarding the merger of a few school board committees.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to merge the following committees as presented by the Superintendent – Strategic Planning with Communications and Capital Improvement with Finance, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Assignments to these committees were confirmed. It will be as follows: Strategic Planning and Communications will be Susan Hallett-Cook, Scott Burns and Dan LeGallo; and Capital Improvement and Finance will be Tim Dow, Robin Gargano and Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Bill Grimm from the School Board, seconded by Scott Burns.

A letter will be sent to Bill Grimm to thank him for his time served on the Board.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

SAT Scores

It is now the practice that all 11th graders will take the SATs as the State Test. This year will be the second year. They are also looking into PSATs for all sophomores and any junior who wished to take it. There is a proposed boot camp prep to be done during advisory.

Enrollment

Discussion was held regarding the decline in enrollment which included the number of students who have left the district to attend the Compass Academy and homeschool. The October 1st enrollment is what is used for the State and reporting purposes.

Nominations

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Cammy Guest as the 5th Grade Teacher for the 2016-17 School Year, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Paul Child as the CAP Teacher for the 2016-17 School Year, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Mission/Vision

The Strategic Planning Committee is trying to get as much feedback as possible from the communities and staff. The hope is to have events where the community, staff and students will have the opportunity to give their input. The committee will be meeting monthly.

Cop Sync

Discussion was held regarding the cost, grant funding, sustainability, process of how the emergency notification works, what other area towns and schools are using, etc.

Middle School Classification

Discussion was held regarding the current status versus the proposed status. Discussion was held regarding the affect, if any, on the Fruit and Veggie Program, grants, NHIAA/Sports, class day length requirements.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to accept the proposed submission for status change for the Franklin Middle School as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding the number of students out of district: nine were removed from the home, four court placed, six out of district placed by school and projected DCYF placements of about \$171,000.

The I2 Committee has reached out to DHHS for more information regarding increasing the numbers of foster families within the community. Discussion was held regarding Grace Capital which is a faith based permit program. The importance of awareness, increase need in foster families, and trying to keep the students in district was discussed.

“Call” for NHSBA Resolution

Discussion was held and no changes were recommended. Lisa Tremblay will be attending this January 2017 Delegates Assembly.

FHS Principal Report

Carrie Charette, FHS Principal, provided the board with a report that included information regarding the following topics: An overview of the first few weeks; staff group discussion of Eric Jensen’s “Teaching with Poverty in Mind”; New Hampshire State Police D.A.R.E. Fun Run at the Loudon Speedway; Go Club; September 22nd Open House; Endicott Survey; Homecoming; Aquatic Biology Field Trip – Pending approval and recognitions as follows: Class of 1966 who located a juke box for the school; Nick Franson for his 300 community service hours; Kenny Torres for earning his diploma over the summer; Danny Sylvester for receiving the 70th Annual NHIAA Meeting as the recipient of the Clyde W. Meyerhoefer Award for his high level of professionalism and support to the athletes; and Claire Fifield for her 4H showing of cows at the Big E.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the October 9th FHS Aquatic Biology Field Trip to Salisbury Beach State Park, Salisbury, Mass, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

FMS Principal Report

Kevin Barbour, FMS Principal, provided the board with a written report regarding the following topics: Ski Program; Open House; Parent Night; TIGER Program; Tech Times; Chromebooks; Washington DC Trip and Youth Beatz.

Six students from FMS will be attending a leadership group at SNHU which will be combined with other area school districts.

Mrs. Vandell was awarded four Lenovo N22 Chromebooks at \$165.66 through the Donors choose Program.

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the acceptance of the four Chromebooks as presented, seconded by Tim Dow.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

The history of the Washington DC Trip was given as well as an update of the cost and itinerary.

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the Washington DC FMS Field Trip as presented with the understanding that Mr. Barbour return with the final cost and number of student participants for the Board, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

PSS Principal

Mike Hoyt, PSS Principal, presented a written report to the board regarding the following topics: Student Activities (student reading and math baseline testing, intervention groups, Picture Day, Fire Prevention Week); Parent Involvement (Open House, PTO Meetings); Teacher Training and Planning (I-Ready Program, Teacher Committees, PBIS Team Meeting); and State Approval on-site.

Approval of Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2016

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve the Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2016 as corrected, seconded by Scott Burns.

Page 5, paragraph 2 following “linked” at the word “to”.

Motion Passes – 5 in Favor and 2 Abstained (Tim Dow and Lisa Tremblay abstained as they were not present)

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update

The Joint Finance Committee is meeting on the 20th at 6:00 PM.

Withdrawal

The Withdrawal Public Hearing will be on October 3rd at 6:00 PM.

POLICY

BEDH-R - Minutes

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the Policy BEDH-R Minutes as presented to reflect the NHSBA Policy BEDG-R Access to Minutes and Public Records with the addition of “Minutes are to be posted to the district website.” as first reading, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

ACE – Procedural Safeguards Non- Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to table Policy ACE – Procedural Safeguards Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability, seconded by Scott Burns.

They want to confirm with the NHSBA to be sure what they have on their website is the policy in its entirety.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to remove Policy IHBG-R Participation in Public School Activities by Home Educated and Non-Public School Pupils, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

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

On page 2, number 6 change the word “may” following pupils to “shall”. This should be confirmed with the NHSBA attorney to be sure this is allowable. The Homeschool law should be reviewed prior to final approval. There is currently not an IHBG-R Policy from the NHSBA

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve Policy IHBG Home Education Instruction for first reading as amended, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Replace all “parent(s)” with “parent(s)/guardian(s)”. This policy should reflect the NHSBA Policy. There should also be a sentences added to read: “Immunizations cannot be held to a higher standard than what is required of the other students.”

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to table the Policy EBBC/JLCE Emergency Care and First Aid until the current language is reviewed, seconded by Deborah Brown.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve Policy ILDA – Non-Educational Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research as first reading as amended, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Everywhere “Parent” is listed it should be changed to “Parent/Guardian”.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to approve Policy ILD – Educational Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research as first reading as amended, seconded by Tim Dow.

Everywhere “Parent” is listed it should be changed to “Parent/Guardian”.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve Policy KD – School District Social Media Websites as first reading as presented, seconded by Susan Hallett- Cook.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

OTHER – None

Committee Reports:

Liaison Committee – No additional meeting has been held.

Buildings/Grounds/Fields – No meeting has been held.

Finance Committee – This committee met last week. A Franklin School District FY 17/18 Budget Calendar was provided to the board and administration. Past practice regarding the timeline of which the budget was handled was shared by administration.

Scholarship Committee – They are working on the prize calendars for November and December.

Wellness Committee – Meeting next week.

I² Committee – This committee met and went over SAT Scores and how to improve the Mission/Vision. They also reached out to DCYF regarding Foster homes and requirements.

Negotiations – Teachers – They are working on setting dates and times to start working together ASAP. They are just awaiting teacher response.

PUBLIC PARTICIATION

Jeff Savory (Ward I) inquired about whether or not there is a cost for reclassification to the State and if it would affect NHIAA or grants.

Jennifer Goulet (Ward II) had questions regarding SAT Scores, budgetary questions, VLACS classes, how classes offered are prioritized, where does the “My Turn” money come from, where does the Cop Sync money come from, community services hours, and how disciplinary actions are decided.

The funding source for Cop Sync was clarified regarding the use of grants not general funds

Policy and procedures are put in place for disciplinary actions. If parents are not satisfied with outcomes they need to follow the proper chain of command.

Community service hours are the graduation requirements and discussion was held regarding parents roles versus board roles.

Non-Public in Accordance with RSA 91A:3b (Personnel and Student Matter)

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A; 3, paragraph II b (personnel and student matter) at 8:45 pm, seconded by Tim Dow.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to come out of Non-Public session at 9:29 pm, seconded by Tim Dow.

Roll Call Vote - All in Favor

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to seal the non-public portion of the September 19, 2016 Franklin School Board Minutes for two (2) years, seconded by Tim Dow.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to accept the student into the Franklin School District as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Deborah Brown)

Phone Stipend

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to accept the phone stipend proposal for the two administrators as presented by the Business Administrator, seconded by Marisa Carter.

Motion Passes – 5 in Favor and 2 Opposed (Scott Burns and Deborah Brown)

Addendum

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to add the addendum as presented to the Support Staff contract by the Business Administrator, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

An Open Enrollment Policy should be created and reviewed.

Adjournment

MOTION: Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 9:35 PM, seconded by Susan Hallett-Cook.

Motion Carried - Unanimous