

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – January 14, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00 P.M. at Franklin Academy High School, Huskie Lane, Malone.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlie Collins, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Stephen J. Dupree, Carol Hunter, Gordon Hutchins, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood, Wayne Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

MEMBERS TARDY: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy L. Brooks, District Clerk, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, David Brooks, Melissa Brown and several government class students.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: was led by President Rogers.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO-TEM:

Timothy P. Whipple was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for the duration of Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: was entered into at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and contractual matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:32 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 1/14/14 was adopted as presented.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 12/10/13 were approved as presented.

MINUTES of the Special Meeting held 12/19/13 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 11/30/13 were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 11/30/13 was accepted as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DONATIONS: of 1) \$1,039 from the First Congregational Church Women's Fellowship, Jennifer Bailey & Pamela Ouimet to be used for the Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope Fund, 2) \$150 from the First Congregational Church Women's Fellowship to be used for Project Warmth and 3) \$150 from an anonymous donor for the Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope Scholarship fund were accepted "with thanks and gratitude".

2014 HUSKIES SWIMMING CLUB: was approved as presented.

SEQRA-DECLARATION OF TYPE I ACTION: was approved as presented.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Collins acknowledged the passing of former Franklin Academy Chemistry teacher, John Melville. A moment of silence was held in his memory. Mr. Rogers reported that he and Mr. Griffin attended a meeting on Sustaining Quality Rural Schools in Plattsburgh on January 9, 2014 where Dr. Bruce Fraser, Executive Director of the New York State Rural Schools Association, was the guest speaker. He then invited all Board Members to attend a legislative breakfast in Lake Placid on January 31, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. noting that both Legislators Betty Little and Janet Duprey will be in attendance.

UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET AND PROJECTED REVENUES: Mr. Whipple gave an update on the State budget and projected revenues reporting that the Governor is expected to make his budget available on January 21, 2014 and should, therefore, be able to provide a preliminary budget to Board Members on February 10, 2014 at which time they will receive their budget binders. He then gave a brief summary of the Governor's recent State of State Address.

CONSENT AGENDA: for **PERSONNEL MATTERS** was approved as follows:

Instructional Staff:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ADDITIONS: Patricia Barrett, Danielle Betters, Angelina Blank (Teaching Asst. also), Kelly Dibble (Teaching Asst./Teacher Aide/Monitor/Clerk also), Katie Donohue, Samantha Fazioli (Teaching Asst. also) & Bridget Gravel (Teaching Asst./Teacher Aide also).

YEARBOOK ENRICHMENT TEACHER APPOINTMENT: at Davis Elementary School was made to Lisa Scharf for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. She will work two days per week and receive a stipend of \$500 for working in this position.

Support Staff:

RESIGNATION: Wayne Lawrence (Bus Driver), effective close of business 1/14/14.
PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: Wayne Lawrence (Messenger), effective 1/15/14.
RETIREMENT: Dorothy Mallette (Teaching Asst.), effective 2/24/14.
SICK LEAVE POOL RECOMMENDATION: 40 days were granted to Cindy Wemette (Teaching Asst.).

President Rogers acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Dorothy Mallette and wished her the best!

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 P.M.

Cindy L. Brooks
District Clerk/Board of Education
1/15/14