

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – March 25, 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, Edward Lockwood, Wayne Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

MEMBERS TARDY: David LaPlant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy L. Brooks, District Clerk, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, David Brooks, Nate Hathaway (MFT), Brandon Pelkey, Brianne Iby, Melissa Brown, Eileen Kilcullen, Suanne Tatro, Jason Black (CSEA), Olivia Pepe (MT), Emma Dumas, Rachel Boyea and a few 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 7:01 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and contractual matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:12 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 3/25/14 was adopted with the deletion of Item VI. A. 4) Unpaid Leave of Absence.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 3/11/14 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 2/28/14 were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 2/28/14 was accepted as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DONATIONS: of 1) \$2,250 from the Stewart's Foundation to be used for Project Warmth and 2) \$2,000 from the Adirondack Foundation-Adirondack for Kids Fund at the request of Adirondack Energy Products to be used for the purchase of playground equipment at Davis Elementary School were accepted "with thanks & gratitude".

2014 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP: was approved as presented.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR BUDGET HEARING/ANNUAL MEETING 5/13/14 & 5/20/14: was approved as presented.

SEQRA-DECLARATION OF TYPE II ACTION (NATURAL GAS CONVERSION OF HEATING SYSTEMS): was approved as presented.

SEQRA-DECLARATION OF TYPE II ACTION (FRANKLIN ACADEMY LIGHTING UPGRADES): was approved as presented.

SEQRA-DECLARATION OF TYPE I ACTION (CAPITAL PROJECT): was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION FOR CAPITAL PROJECT: was approved as presented following a power point presentation by Mr. Griffin and Mr. Whipple on the Transportation Facility Renovation & Site Improvement Plan as well as the demolition of the College Avenue buildings.

4/22/14 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATE: was changed to Tuesday, **4/29/14** due to the annual election and vote on the BOCES Administrative Budget.

CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: was approved as presented.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Collins acknowledged the passing of former elementary teacher Sandra (Frisbie) Robert who passed away unexpectedly over the weekend. Mr. Rogers gave kudos to all the participants and staff involved with this year's musical performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' stating it was yet another wonderful event. He then reported that he and several individuals from the District attended the Student Achievement Institute in Lake Placid last Saturday. Next he reported on his attendance at The Capital Conference in Albany where NYSSBA compiles messages to be delivered to the Legislators. Among these topics were 1) to increase state aid, 2) elimination of The Gap Elimination Adjustment, 3) rejection of The Technology Bond Referendum, 4) not earmarking money for full-day Pre-K, 5) not subjecting school districts to the jurisdiction of the Division of Human Rights and 6) not enacting the Property Tax Freeze. Mr. Hutchins then reported that he, Mrs. Crossman-Dumas, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Whipple

attended the Health Insurance Consortium meeting held last week at North Franklin Education Center where many major concerns were discussed relating to the Consortium.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Mr. Whipple reported that nothing has changed with our numbers thus far as we are still awaiting the passage of the State budget. Mr. Griffin stated that there is a meeting scheduled with Administrators on Thursday and he has requested that each Administrator bring suggestions for cost saving measures to this meeting. In the event that we do not receive an increase in aid, he will bring these suggestions to the Board for their consideration on cuts to the proposed budget. Ms. Kilcullen then addressed the Board regarding a letter to Board Members from students of the Modified Girl's Swim Team in which they are asking for a paid coaching position for this sport. Emma Dumas and Rachel Boyea, two members of the Girl's Modified Swim Team, were present and given the opportunity to speak on this topic.

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

Instructional Staff:

ADDITIONAL SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENT: was made to Emily Johnston (Volunteer Softball).

ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM NETWORK APPOINTMENT: was made to Jacqueline McCarthy (Grade/Level Coord.- Gr. 3), effective 1/15/14 for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year. She will receive a pro-rated stipend according to the MFT Contract.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ADDITIONS: Stephanie Caso (Teaching Asst. also), Rachel Child (Teaching Asst./Teacher Aide also), Kylee Disotelle (Teaching Asst./Teacher Aide also), Emily Fritz (Teaching Asst. also), Breanne Johnson (Teaching Asst./Teacher Aide/Home Tutor also), Timothy Lamay, Jr. (Teaching Asst./Teacher Aide/Home Tutor also) & Annmarie McGonagle (Teaching Asst./Home Tutor also).

Support Staff:

RETIREMENT: Ginger Blair (Cleaner), effective 4/26/14.

SUBSTITUTE: Amanda McQuinn (Monitor), effective 3/31/14.

President Rogers acknowledged the retirement of Ginger Blair commending her 35 years of dedicated service to the District and wished her the best in her retirement!

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 P.M.

Cindy L. Brooks
District Clerk/Board of Education
3/26/14