

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – September 24, 2013
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, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood, Wayne Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Hutchins.

MEMBERS TARDY: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy L. Brooks, District Clerk, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, David Brooks, Robert Aiken, Nate Hathaway (MFT), Melissa Brown, Suanne Tatro, Brandon Pelkey, Jason Black (CSEA) 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 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and contractual matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:25 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 9/24/13 was adopted as presented.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 9/10/13 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 8/31/13 was accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: for the period ending 8/31/13 was accepted as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DONATION: of \$364 from the Andree Tower family to be used for the Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope fund was accepted "with thanks".

RESOLUTION FOR FINANCING FOR INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT: was approved as presented.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES: was approved for Hawkins, Delafield & Wood (New York, NY) to provide Bond Counsel services to the District.

CHANGE ORDERS-FLANDERS FUEL OIL TANK REPLACEMENT: were approved as follows: 1) #1 for Tracy Trombley Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$19,692.00, 2) #2 for Tracy Trombley Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$15,939.03 and 3) #3 for Tracy Trombley Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$4,327.00.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers reported on the Commissioner's Roundtable which he attended on September 13th at the NYSBBA headquarters in Latham, NY. The main topics discussed there were state aid and regionalization. He then announced that he is running for the Area VI NYSSBA Director's seat and thanked Ms. Hunter for giving him the nudge to do so as the north country is in real need of representation in Albany. He then thanked Mr. Dupree and the FEH BOCES Board for their support in his nomination at their September 19th meeting. Mr. Griffin briefly stated that he is keeping an eye on the number of students enrolling in the District from the different catchment areas.

STAR REREGISTRATION PRESENTATION: Robert Aiken from the Office of Real Property Tax Services gave a presentation on the implementation of New York State's Department of Taxation and Finance STAR Reregistration this fall in which new legislation requires that all homeowners currently receiving the basic STAR exemption register with the Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and beyond. He reviewed the purpose of the reregistration process, the entire reregistration process, the online registration, the STAR registration schedule, the appeals process, the STAR code lookup, different communications being done to notify the public and the requirements for new STAR applicants for 2014. For more information, homeowners may 1) visit www.tax.ny.gov, 2) call (518) 457-2036 or 3) email ORPTS.STAR@tax.ny.gov.

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

Instructional Staff:

SAT PREP SATURDAY ACADEMY TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: at Franklin Academy were made to Paula Walter

and Gary Harmon. They will work four 3-hour sessions on October 5, 19, 25 & 30. Ms. Walter will provide the math instruction and Mr. Harmon will provide the ELA instruction. They will each receive \$750 for working in these positions.

WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS: were made to Tim Lamay (Boy's Varsity Basketball), Nate Hathaway (Varsity Wrestling), Ryan Childs (Boy's JV Basketball), Kim Depuy (Girl's Modified Basketball), Matt Tessier (Boy's Varsity Indoor Track), Jennifer Kilcoyne (Boy's Varsity Swimming) & Shelley Skelly (Girl's Varsity Basketball).

Support Staff:

RESIGNATION: David Damon (Teacher Aide/Latchkey), effective 10/1/13.

ADJUSTMENT: Ralph Dumas (Bus Driver), effective 9/25/13.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: Scott Richards (Bus Driver), effective 9/25/13.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: John Shea (Sr. Custodian In-Charge), effective 11/1/13.

POSITIONS ABOLISHED: Despo Baltoumas-MacNeill, Andrew Dupuis, Darlene Hutchins, Amanda King & Louise Gadway (Teacher Aides/Latchkey) and Lynn Grytebust (P/T Clerk/Latchkey), all effective 10/1/13.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 P.M.

Cindy L. Brooks
District Clerk/Board of Education
9/25/13