

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – November 10, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Rogers, Arlie Collins, Philip Hans, Donna Kissane, Stephen J. Dupree, Christine Crossman-Dumas, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Hunter

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, Penny Gardner, Charlie Gardner, Rita Michalovic, and Frank Difiore.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rogers.

RECOGNITION: Mr. Griffin recognized Penny Gardner, Secretary to the Superintendent, who was present at the board meeting along with her husband, Charlie. Mr. Griffin stated that Mrs. Gardner will be retiring at the end of the month and he wanted to recognize her for the service she has given to the district over the past twenty years. Penny, as Mr. Griffin noted, is gifted in working with staff, students, parents and community members as represented by her calm demeanor and pleasant attitude. She will definitely be missed and Mr. Griffin wished her well in retirement. Mr. Rogers presented Mrs. Gardner with a retirement gift from the district and also commented that Penny can do anything, and he will miss her calming voice when he calls the district office. He concluded his remarks by wishing her well in retirement and thanking Penny for her service to the district. Board members gave Mrs. Gardner a standing ovation.

Mr. Griffin updated the board and audience members on a serious situation that was occurring at the moment with a coach of the boys' cross country team. Matt Tessier, who is also a Physical Education teacher at St. Joseph's Elementary School, had participated in a remote practice session at Meacham Lake State Park with students and apparently had not returned to the bus at the conclusion of practice. At the current moment Mr. Tessier is still considered missing. State Forest Rangers and State Police have been notified and are in the process of searching for Mr. Tessier in the Meacham Lake campground area. Because there is no cell phone service in this area communication has been difficult with onsite rescue personnel. Mr. Griffin stated that is all the information he had at the moment but he would keep the board members updated with any new information he receives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: was entered into at 7:10 P.M for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and litigation matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:35 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 11/10/15 was adopted as amended.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 10/27/15 were approved as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION – MALONE PLAZA REALTY & KMART: was approved as presented.

RE-BID AWARD-CAPITAL PROJECT (MECHANICAL CONTRACT 3): was awarded to K & L Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$ 1,183,000.00.

CHANGE ORDERS-CAPITAL PROJECT: were approved as follows: #01-001 for TJ Fiacco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$-7,188, #02-003 for Northland Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$-17,850, #04-001 for Dow Electric in the amount of \$-693.20, #04-003 for Dow Electric in the amount of \$ -7,723.23, and AD #09-001 for allowance amount of \$-2,417.66.

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINAL REPORT: was accepted as presented with a total of \$2,154,245.55 being returned to Franklin County in uncollected taxes.

TENTATIVE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was approved as presented.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

LOCAL ASSISTANCE PLANS: for Flanders, Middle, and St. Joe's school were approved as presented.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FOR 11/24/15: was canceled due to Thanksgiving vacation.

BOARD REPORTS: Mrs. Kissane recognized Alison Fitzpatrick, Home and Career Teacher at Malone Middle School, for presenting at a recent NYS Home & Careers conference. Mr. Griffin also stated that he received a letter about her presentation from conference organizers.

Mr. Collins congratulated all the athletic teams who made it to post season play. Mr. Rogers commented that the community support these teams are receiving is great to see.

Mr. Rogers handed out a few materials to board members pertaining to communication strategies with working with the media. He received the items from a communications session while at the NYS School Boards Convention and thought members would be interested in reading about strategies on how best to interact with the media.

Mrs. Kissane reminded board members about the upcoming production of the Lion King that Middle School students will be performing on November 13th and 14th. This is a big deal for Malone CSD, as we were one of only a very few districts who were awarded a grant to defray production costs. She recognized Steve Gordon, Special Education teacher and production advisor on his work with the students.

Mr. Dupree asked Mr. Griffin to comment on the go-home drill that occurred on Friday, November 6th. Mr. Griffin stated it went well overall, and that he hopes parents will use this drill as a mechanism to evaluate with their family what they would do in a situation where there was an actual emergency.

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT: was made to Joey Santamoor (Malone Middle School), effective 1/4/16-1/3/20.

ADDITIONAL WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS: were made to William Trombley (Varsity Wrestling-Volunteer), Chad Lawrence (Indoor Track-Volunteer).

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CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTMENT: was made to Bryn FeFee, effective 11/30/15.

Support Staff

SUBSTITUTES: were made to Thomas Jackson (Custodian), Marleana Batchelder (Cleaner), effective 11/13/15.

RETIREMENT: Wanda Snyder (Bus Driver), effective 11/14/15. *President Rogers acknowledged Ms. Snyder for her 16 years of service to the District and wished her the very best in her retirement!

ADJUSTMENTS: Laurie Coryea, Kevin McManus, Michael Coryea, Daniel LaRock, Harold Poirier (Bus Drivers), effective 11/12/15-6/23/16.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:54 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

11/10/15