

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – November 12, 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, Gordon Hutchins, Edward Lockwood, Wayne Rogers.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Kissane, David LaPlant.

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cindy L. Brooks, District Clerk, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, David Brooks, Nate Hathaway (MFT), Jason Black (CSEA), Melissa Brown, Brianne Iby, Candy Tavernier and one government class student.

**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 7:23 P.M.

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

AGENDA for 11/12/13 was adopted with the addition of Item IV. G) Cancellation of 11/26/13 Board of Education Meeting and Item IV. H) Special Election of BOCES Board Member.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 10/22/13 were approved as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

DONATIONS: of 1) \$500 from the Sons of Amvets Post 8 to be used for Project Warmth, 2) \$100 from the Chasm Falls United Methodist Women to be used for Project Warmth and 3) \$64 from the Andree Tower family to be used for the Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope fund were accepted "with thanks and gratitude".

SPORTS MERGER WITH BRUSHTON-MOIRA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: for the 2013-14 school year in the sports of Boy's and Girl's Varsity Spring Track was approved contingent upon the athletes from BMCS arriving and being prepared to begin practice at 3:00 p.m. Brushton-Moira Central School District will be billed for the students who participate in this sport.

2014-2015 BUDGET CALENDAR: was adopted as presented.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH JCEO: for the 2013-2014 school year was approved as presented.

BID AWARDS-SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: were approved as presented.

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINAL REPORT: was accepted as presented with a total of \$2,147,980.29 being returned to Franklin County in uncollected taxes.

11/26/13 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: was cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

SPECIAL ELECTION OF BOCES BOARD MEMBER: The Board cast a ballot electing Shir Filler (Saranac Lake CSD) to fill the unexpired term of Gail Rogers Rice through June 30, 2015 on the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

BOARD REPORTS: Ms. Hunter reported that she attended the NYSSBA dinner meeting held last Thursday where David Little was the guest speaker. She also plans to attend a public forum next Thursday along with a panel and Janet Duprey and then plans to attend the Commissioner's Roundtable in Latham, NY on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Rogers reported that he attended a Plattsburgh meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> with the main topic being 'keeping kids in school and out of court'. Also discussed at this meeting was the selection of a Safety Officer adding that the job description for this position should include an understanding of adolescent development and the need to be a long-term position. He then reported on a meeting he attended with Steve Shafer, BOCES District Superintendent, where Mr. Shafer pointed out that out of all required State tests, only two (2) are not federal mandates!

GRADUATION OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Candy Tavernier, Transition Specialist for the Capital District/North Country Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center, gave a presentation on graduation options for students with disabilities covering New York State options, the implementation of Test

Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) which will be replacing the current GED, high school exiting credentials, New York State Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS), the Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (replacing the IEP diploma) and the Compensatory Safety Net Option.

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

**Instructional Staff:**

RESIGNATION: was accepted from Gabrielle Shambo (Special Education), effective 11/1/13.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ADDITIONS: Lori Buno-Taylor, Derrick Degon (Teaching Asst./Teacher Aide only), Margaret Dievendorf (Teaching Asst. only), Brittany Fish (School Nurse only), Patricia Healey (Teacher Aide also), Eric Livernois, Kimberly Logan-Lamitie, Warren Patterson, Stephanie Rhodes (Teaching Asst. also) & Benjamin West.

ADDITIONAL WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENT: was made to Timothy Lamay Jr. (Boy's Modified Basketball Asst.).

**Support Staff:**

SUBSTITUTES: Mark Benware (Teacher Aide), effective 11/14/13 & Joseph Jennings (Cleaner/Custodian) effective upon approval by Franklin County Civil Service.

RESIGNATIONS: Suzanne Hyde (Monitor), effective end of day 10/30/13, Megan Clookey (Clerk), effective 11/9/13 & Matthew Vincent (Auto Mech. Hlpr./Bus Driver), effective 11/2/13.

ADJUSTMENTS: Melanie Clookey (Bus Driver-Cleaner), effective 11/13/13, Suzanne Hyde (Cleaner), effective 10/31/13 & Martha Richards (Clerk), effective 11/13/13.

RETIREMENT: Edward Pickreign (Custodian), effective 11/30/13.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS: Matthew Vincent (Bus Driver), effective 11/2/13 & Kathryn Petrelli (Lifeguard), effective 11/13/13 pending Franklin County Civil Service approval.

Mr. Rogers acknowledged Mr. Pickreign's 33.8 years of service to the District and wished him the best in his retirement!

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:03 P.M.

Cindy L. Brooks  
District Clerk/Board of Education  
11/13/13