

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – January 12, 2016
REGULAR MEETING

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Rogers, Arlie Collins, Donna Kissane, Stephen J. Dupree, David LaPlant, Carol Hunter, Edward Lockwood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Crossman-Dumas, Philip Hans

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Building Principal, Chad Lawrence, Director of Facilities, Jason Black (CSEA), Brianne Iby (MFT), many students and Frank Difiore (Malone Telegram).

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: was entered into at 7:01 P.M for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and litigation matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:31 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 1/12/16 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 12/8/15 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 11/30/15 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 11/30/15 was accepted as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DONATION: in the amount of \$150.00 from an anonymous donor to support the Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope Scholarship fund was approved with much thanks and gratitude.

AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES: was approved as presented.

CHANGE ORDERS/ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENTS-CAPITAL PROJECT: were approved as follows: #02-008 for Northland Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$-11,493.00, #005-002 for Norwood Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$-3,137.84, #01-003 for TJ Fiacco Construction, LLC in the amount of \$-1,874.00, #01-004 for TJ Fiacco Construction, LLC in the amount of \$ -3,300.00, #04-003 for Dow Electric in the amount of \$ -1,297.00, AD #09-002 for OPT TECH allowance amount of \$-26,015.24, AD #04-003 for Dow Electric allowance amount of \$-7,117.00.

CSEA SICK LEAVE POOL RECOMMENDATION: 10 days were granted to Aimee Campbell.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

PRESENTATION OF NEW ENTRANCE VESTIBULES AT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Chad Lawrence, Director of Facilities, gave the board a presentation on the new front entrance vestibule that he and District Maintenance personnel constructed at Davis Elementary School. Mr. Lawrence presented each Board member with a booklet that included schematics of the altered entrance layouts of Davis Elementary School and Franklin Academy High School, including pictures of the work completed at Davis over the Christmas holiday recess. The vestibule at Davis was expanded and now directs visitors to the welcome receptionist before they are allowed access into the building via electronic buzzer as controlled by the receptionist. Mr. Lawrence also updated the Board on the natural gas conversion at all the school buildings.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN:

Mr. Whipple commented that the preliminary investment plan for the Smart Schools Bond Act has been published on the district's website for more than 30 days for public input, and tonight's meeting was published in the Malone Telegram as the public hearing to receive any additional feedback on the plan. Mr. Rogers asked members of the audience to sign the sign-in sheet for anyone wishing to ask a question or comment on the proposed spending plan. No comments were forthcoming. Ms. Hunter asked Mr. Griffin to explain the allocation for Universal Community Access to Broadband or Wireless Internet Service. Mr. Griffin stated that through many of the stakeholder meetings the district conducted, it became apparent that many students have difficulty completing homework assignments due to the lack of accessible high speed internet service at their homes. The district may be able to work with internet service providers to help create opportunities for additional high speed access at some of the locations throughout the district where there is no service currently. Mr. Whipple stated that the investment plan allocates \$300,000 to this endeavor. Mr. Rogers mentioned that perhaps the district could piggyback on some of the current initiatives by service providers that are in process or planned for future development. These companies sometimes lack the working capital to move ahead with projects quickly and the district may be able to assist them with the capital they need. Mr. Whipple stated there was one comment submitted via the website on the plan, which was to improve the security at the entrance at Flanders Elementary School. Mr. Whipple commented that the building's layout presents a challenge with respect to constructing an entrance vestibule, similar to other school buildings. However, district officials have reviewed the entrance and have made financial allowances within the plan to hopefully improve the entrance in the future.

BOARD REPORTS: Ms. Hunter reported that she, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Griffin attended the Clinton BOCES School Boards' Association dinner last week and listened to Tim Kremer, Executive Director at NYSSBA, speak about common core and teacher evaluation system changes.

Mr. Rogers reminded board members about the legislative breakfast on January 29th in Lake Placid at the Crowne Plaza resort. All members are welcome to attend if they can make it.

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

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT: were accepted from Caron Roulston (F.A. Art Teacher), effective 6/30/16 and Nancy Hart (Davis Elementary Kindergarten Teacher), effective 7/2/16.

Mr. Rogers acknowledged Mrs. Roulston and Mrs. Hart for their years of service to the district and wished them their very best in retirement.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER APPOINTMENT (ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY): was made to Jacob Powers, effective 2/1/16-1/31/20.

ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS/AIDES: were made to Pavel Medved, Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Lisa Ruvola (Teacher/Home Tutor), Kendra Wright (Teacher/Assistant/Aide/Home Tutor).

Support Staff

SUBSTITUTES: were made to Tobi Soucia (School Monitor), Carol Dufrane (Cleaner), effective 1/13/16.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: was made to Heather Perry (Administrative Aide at Flanders), effective 1/13/16.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: was made to Brad Garrow (School Monitor, F.A.), effective 1/13/16.

RESIGNATIONS: were made to Angela Mackey (Attendance Assistant at Malone Middle School), effective 12/4/15, Ryan Lamica (School Monitor, F.A.), effective 12/17/15, and Robert Taylor (Bus Driver), effective 1/11/16.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

1/12/16