

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – January 13, 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, Carol Hunter, Stephen J. Dupree, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood, Philip Hans

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS TARDY: Christine Crossman-Dumas

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brianne Iby (MFT), Suanne Tatro, Jason Black (CSEA), and many students.

PLEDGE TO 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 CSEA contract negotiations.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:05 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 1/13/15 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 12/9/14 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 11/30/14 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 11/30/14 was accepted as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DONATION: 1) \$50.00 from the Chasm Falls United Methodist Women to be used for Project Warmth, 2) \$150 from an anonymous donor to support the Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope Fund, 3) \$5,000 from North Franklin Federal Credit Union No. 21026 to be used for Project Warmth, 4) \$8,000 from Franklin Academy Varsity Club/Eileen Kilcullen to be used to purchase uniforms for Franklin Academy athletic teams were accepted "with thanks".

14-15 BUDGET TRANSFERS: were accepted as presented.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers reminded the board about the legislative breakfast meeting scheduled for January 30, 2015 in Lake Placid. If any members are interested in attending they should contact Mrs. Gardner in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Rogers read a thank you letter to the Board of Education from the Trombley family, who wanted to express their appreciation to the Board, Mr. Griffin (Superintendent) and Ms. Kilcullen (Athletic Director) for allowing their children to participate in the district's hockey program over the past several years. As students of the Chateaugay Central School District, the Trombley children were able to play hockey for the Franklin Academy team due to a hockey merger between the two districts.

Mr. Rogers finished his board report by reading a passage from a recent article published in National Geographic, titled "The First Year" by Yudhijit Bhattacharjee. Mr. Rogers mentioned that children coming to Malone Central School District as they begin their educational career in Pre-k or Kindergarten have varied backgrounds and differing home lives. According to Mr. Rogers, the article highlights the challenges Malone Central School faces as a district when children are expected to master state test material, which include passages and words that are difficult for students to comprehend due to their lack of early childhood exposure to the spoken language as well as the amount of books that were assessable in the primary years.

2015-2016 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS: Mr. Whipple reviewed projected revenues with the Board and estimated tax levy limit for 2015-16.

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

Instructional Staff:

SUBSTITUTE ADDITIONS: Austin Lamay (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide), Robert Leabo Jr. (Teacher/Teaching Assistant), Wallace Poupore (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide, Jessica Shafer (Teacher/Teaching Assistant).

HOMEWORK ROOM SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS: was made to Vickie Shantie at the Malone Middle School, effective February 12, 2015.

Support Staff:

SUBSTITUTES: James Wemette (Bus Driver), effective 1/20/15, Priscilla Rouselle (Teacher Aide/Clerk/School Monitor), effective 1/20/15, Lauren Fountain (Teaching Aide), effective 1/20/15.

ADJUSTMENTS: Wanda Shova (Teaching Assistant) effective 1/14/15.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: Harold Poirier (Bus Driver), effective 2/2/15.

RESIGNATIONS: Joseph Jennings (Bus Driver), effective 12/18/14, Kristina Dumas (Teaching Assistant), effective 12/23/14, Melissa Durant (Teaching Assistant), effective 1/16/15, Despo Baltoumas-MacNeill (Teaching Assistant), effective 1/16/15.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple
District Clerk/Board of Education
1/13/15