

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – January 26, 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, Stephen J. Dupree, Carol Hunter, Edward Lockwood, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Philip Hans

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Kissane

**MEMBERS TARDY:** David LaPlant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Building Principal, Shelley Mulverhill, and EJ Conzola, (Media).

**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 7:09 P.M.

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

AGENDA for 1/26/16 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 1/12/16 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 12/31/15 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 12/31/15 was accepted as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

DONATIONS: 1- \$290 from Andree Tower to support the Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope Fund, 2- \$500 from Mountain Mart #104 and through the Exxon Mobile Education Alliance to be used to support the study of Math and Science for Franklin Academy students were accepted with much thanks and gratitude.

DONATION FOR AUTHOR VISIT: \$3271 from the Malone Middle School Student Council was accepted to be used for the author (Todd Stresser) visit on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> with much thanks and gratitude.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR AUTHOR VISIT: was approved as presented.

CHANGE ORDER/ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENT-CAPITAL PROJECT: were approved as follows:  
CO #09-002 for OP-TECH Environmental Services in the amount of \$-22,765.32 and AD #05-002 for OP-TECH Environmental Services in the amount of \$-3,801.78

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT (7/1/15-12/31/15): Mr. Whipple reported that the six-month claims audit report was overall a positive account of the disbursement process. Considering the thousands of claims that are processed in a given year to have only a couple dozen minor adjustments is positive. He added that the claims auditing process does catch some errors that occur prior to payments made, indicating the procedures in place are effective in minimizing overpayments.

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers reported that the legislative breakfast will take place this Friday morning, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Any board members who would like to attend may do so. At this point there appears to be a good representation of North Country School Board members and other district officials who will be attending based on the registration numbers.

#### BOARD REPORTS CONT'D:

Mr. Rogers requested that the board select a NYSSBA Advocacy Liaison to represent the district in conversations with legislative leaders. The main duties of the liaison are:

- Stay subscribed to NYSSBA Advocacy Alerts.
- Attend NYSSBA advocacy events such as conferences and webinars (with Board approval).
- Brief the board on NYSSBA advocacy activities.
- Share information contained in Advocacy Alerts at board meetings.
- Respond to "Calls to Action" and encourage other board members to do so.
- Act as a coordinator for in-district legislative visits.
- Serve as a point of contact for limited, targeted communication.

Mr. Rogers agreed to remain the liaison for Malone CSD based on the feedback of the board members.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:** Mr. Whipple gave board members and update on the estimated revenue for 2016-2017 based on the preliminary budget estimate as provided by the Governor after his State of the State address two weeks ago. Foundation aid is projected to increase by \$333,410, along with increases in the BOCES aid and transportation aid categories. There is a new aid category included in the preliminary budget for 2016-17, referred to as Community Schools Aid. Little information has been presented on what those funds can be used for at this point but additional guidance should come soon. Mr. Whipple also presented Board members with an estimated tax levy calculation for 2016-17, which shows a maximum 1.62% increase in the tax levy, or \$212,487.89. The calculation is not finalized until March 1st at which time it has to be submitted to the State Comptroller's office. The final number could change based on the actual projected PILOT payments and any exclusions for debt service, which have not been completely finalized. Board members will receive the first draft of the 2016-2017 budget on February 9th.

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

**RESIGNATION:** was accepted from Matthew Tessier as the IT Building Coordinator at St. Joseph's Elementary School, effective January 29, 2016.

**ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS/AIDES:** were made to Nathan Bombard (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide), John Hughes (Teacher), Jacob Maclin (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide/Home Tutor), Brianna Poupore (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide), Alice White (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide).

#### **Support Staff**

**RESIGNATIONS:** were accepted from Brenda Denny (Teacher Aide at Flanders), effective 1/25/16 and Lauren Fountain (Teacher Aide at Malone Middle School), effective 1/29/16.

**PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT:** was made to Lauren Fountain (Attendance Assistant at Middle School), effective 2/1/16.

**PERMANENT APPOINTMENT:** was made to Bruce Soucia (Bus Driver), effective 2/1/16.

**UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** was granted to Bruce Soucia (Bus Driver) for the period of 4/1/16-4/29/16.

#### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS:** were approved as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:36 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

1/26/16