

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – December 8, 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, Carol Hunter

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Edward Lockwood

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Building Principal, Mary Jane Latreille, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Kelly Finnerty, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Nathan Hathaway (MFT), Scott Wolfe (CSArch), Erin O’Grady-Parent and various students.

**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 7:32 P.M.

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

AGENDA for 12/8/15 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 11/10/15 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 10/31/15 were approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: for the period ending 10/31/15 was accepted as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**DONATIONS:** in the amount of \$2,000 from the Adirondack for Kids Fund to provide elementary students supplies in support of our STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Math) initiatives in the district; \$50.00 from the Chasm Falls United Methodist Church Women to be used for Project Warmth; \$5,000 from the Tools for Schools Price Chopper/Snapple Contest to be used at Franklin Academy to support healthy lifestyle habits for our high school students; \$7,500 from the Varsity Club to be used to purchase uniforms for F.A. athletic teams.

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:** was approved as presented.

**CHANGE ORDERS/ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENTS-CAPITAL PROJECT:** were approved as follows: #01-002 for TJ Fiacco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$-42,000.00; #02-004 for Northland Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$-5,000.00; #02-005 for Northland Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$-20,000.00; #02-006 for Northland Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$ -7,625.00; #02-007 for Northland Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$ -2,685.00; #08-001 for Environmental and Fueling Systems in the amount of \$ 650.00; #09-001 for OP-TECH Environmental Services in the amount of \$ -60,000.00; AD #04-001 for Dow Electric, allowance amount of \$-624.50; AD #04-002 for Dow Electric, allowance amount of \$-492.85.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FOR 12/22/15:** was canceled due to Christmas Vacation.

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

**CSE ANNUAL REPORT:** Mrs. Latreille, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Mrs. Finnerty, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services were on hand to answer questions from Board members about the annual Special Education report. Mrs. Latreille reviewed the current special education programs in place throughout the schools and identified areas where she believed more services will be needed in the future.

CAPITAL PROJECT PRESENTATION BY CSARCH: Scott Wolfe, Construction Manager for CSArch was on hand to give the board an update on the current capital project. He reviewed the current status of the demolition of Harison buildings, as well as the construction and renovations at the Transportation Facility. Due to favorable weather, construction is more or less on schedule. All buildings have been demolished and the contractor will be finishing work within the next week or so. Structural steel for the new addition on the garage has been completed and work is now centering on the roof. Once the roof work is complete and weather tight, the work will shift to construction of the masonry walls. Financially, the project is within budget and there have been few unexpected construction setbacks. Mr. Wolfe explained that architectural and construction management representatives are continuing to evaluate areas in the project where savings can be achieved to provide additional flexibility from a financial perspective. Mr. Whipple commented that the district has not had to use the contingency funds yet, which will potentially allow for some work to occur that had previously been removed due to cost constraints.

BOARD REPORTS: Mrs. Crossman-Dumas reported that special agents from the Department of Homeland Security gave a presentation to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School students about internet and cell phone safety. She expressed her gratitude to Mr. Knight, Mr. Coakley and Mr. Griffin for bringing this speaker to the Middle School. She felt this was a very important topic for students to hear and received good feedback from students and parents about the presentation.

Mrs. Kissane reported that the Lion King production by Middle School students was a huge success. She mentioned that the advisors who helped produce the show did so with no compensation. They showed a huge commitment by offering so much of their time.

Mr. Dupree attended the recent entrepreneurial fair at the Malone Middle School, which was the first year the event took place. He reported that the students had to create a project and he was impressed at the creativity shown by the kids.

Mr. Rogers wanted to inform members of two upcoming dates; the first on January 7, 2016, where Tim Kremer, Director of the NYS School Boards Association, will be the guest speaker at the Clinton-Warren-Washington School Boards Association meeting. Mr. Griffin will be attending and all Malone Board Members are invited to attend as well. Mr. Rogers also mentioned that on January 29, 2016 Senator Little and Assemblywoman Dupree will be attending the legislative breakfast in Lake Placid. Members are encouraged to attend if possible. Mr. Rogers thanked Mr. Shafer, FEH BOCES Superintendent for organizing much of the event once again.

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

RESIGNATIONS: were accepted by Joey Santamoor (F.A. Physical Education Teacher), effective 1/3/16 and Ryan Lamica (Assistant Boys' Modified Basketball Coach), effective 11/16/15.

RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT: was accepted from Debora Ducharme (Art Teacher at Flanders & St. Joseph's Elementary), effective 7/2/15. Mr. Rogers acknowledged Mrs. Ducharme for her 36 years of service to the district and wished her the very best in her retirement.

TENURE APPOINTMENT: was granted to Brandon Pelkey (Tenure Area: Secondary Principal), effective 3/13/16. All tenure appointments are pending successful completion of the probationary periods.

ADDITIONAL WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENT: was made to Stephen Ansari (Boys' Modified Basketball Assistant) Step I for the winter of 2015.

ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS/AIDES: were made to Jason Aubrey (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Marisol Caban (Teacher), Sherry Campbell (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Ida Clark (Assistant/Aide), Brooke Collins (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Ashley Debyah (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Brittany Ensign (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Anthony Marciniak (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Erin McDonald (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Alicia Monette (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Christopher Picaro (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Carrie Pomainville (Teacher/Assistant/Aide), Kaitlyn Wheeler (Teacher/Assistant/Aide).

#### **Support Staff**

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: was made to John Kissane (Bus Driver), effective 12/9/15.

ADJUSTMENT: was made to: Kevin McManus (Bus Driver), effective 12/15/15.

RESIGNATIONS: were made to Bryn Fefee (Typist at Flanders), effective 11/29/15 and Corey Picaro (Teacher Aide at Malone Middle School), effective 12/18/15.

**ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL**

AIS APPOINTMENT: was made to Norm Pomainville (Math), \$35.00 per session; 2 days/week, effective 12/2/15 through 1/25/16.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:39 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

12/8/15