

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – February 9, 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, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Building Principal, Shelley Mulverhill, Nathan Hathaway, Brianne Iby, many students 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.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:15 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 2/9/16 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 1/26/16 were approved as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 913 MEDICAL EXAM: was approved as presented.

DONATIONS: 1- \$175.00 from the Malone Adult Basketball League; 2-\$175.00 from the Franklin CYO Basketball League to help defray the cost of the purchase of a new scoreboard console for St. Joe's gymnasium scoreboard were accepted with much thanks and gratitude.

CHANGE ORDER-NATURAL GAS CONVERSION: for Hyde Stone Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$-26,500 (credit) was approved as presented.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers reminded Board Members of the upcoming musical production of Beauty and the Beast that will take place on March 17, 18, and 19. Three students, Madison Crow, Katie Dupree and Emily Benware, were on hand at the meeting to present two complimentary tickets to each board member as a token of their appreciation for supporting the musical.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Mr. Whipple and Mr. Griffin presented the preliminary 2016-2017 budget to the board. Overall expenditures are estimated to increase by \$1,287,240, or 2.64%, with the majority of the increase being attributable to new debt service and transfers to the Transportation facility capital project. \$916,761 of the total increase is for debt service and transfers, all of which will be offset by a combination of building aid and use of fund balance. The remaining increase of \$370,479 represents an increase of .76% and includes increases in salaries, benefits and contractual expenses.

Revenues are projected to be \$35,213,549, with a projected tax levy of \$13,335,101 (1.62%) and use of fund balance of \$1,500,000, making total revenues of \$50,048,650. The total maximum tax levy increase per the tax cap formula calculation for 2016-17 is 1.655%. Total state aid is projected to increase by \$1.176 million. Mr. Griffin explained to board members that it would be more beneficial for Malone if foundation aid were increased even further. Many districts in NYS are still dealing with the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and there appears to be a movement to restore those funds in 2016-17, however, that would not help Malone because those funds have already been restored.

BUDGET DISCUSSION CONT'D: Mr. Griffin reviewed additional programs and new staff requests that were submitted by administrators. These requests have not been included in the preliminary budget at this point. Specifically, a French teacher, Special Education teacher, Counselor, intervention specialists and a Business teacher were among the requests that were submitted by the administrators for board consideration. Mr. Griffin stated that if all these additional items and staff were included in the preliminary budget it would result in a tax levy increase of 6.49%. Because the maximum allowable levy increase for 16-17 will be around 1.65% it will be necessary to receive additional state aid as a result of the final approved NYS budget in order to add new programs. Mr. Griffin urged board members to review the budget information over the next couple weeks and contact him should they have any questions. Mrs. Kissane mentioned her concern with costs relating to tuition for students attending private school special education programs. She would like more information on those costs and processes used to transition those students back to their home district.

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

RESIGNATION: was accepted from Jason LaFlesh from his Franklin Academy modified baseball coaching position, effective January 26, 2016.

SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS: were made to: Chris Kelley (Varsity Golf), Step III, Tim Lamay (Varsity Baseball), Step III, Greg Marshall (Varsity Softball), Step III, Terry Collins (JV Softball), Step III, Jackie McCarthy (Girls; Modified Track), Step II (4), Matt Tessier/Jim Heden (Boys' Varsity Spring Track Head Coach), Step III, Matt Tessier/Jim Heden (Boys' Varsity Spring Track Assistant Coach, Step III.

ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS: were made to David Merrick and Jenna Johnston.

Support Staff

SUBSTITUTES: were made to Mark Smith, Jackie Collins and Jeremy Collins (Bus Drivers), effective 2/10/16.

RETIREMENT: was accepted from Michael Coryea (Bus Driver), effective 2/27/16. President Rogers acknowledged Mr. Coryea for his 34 years of service to the District and wished him the very best in his retirement!

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

2/9/16