

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – February 23, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: David LaPlant

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Building Principal, Melissa Brown, Chad Lawrence, Director of Facilities, Scott Wolfe, Jim Willis (CS Arch), many students and Despo MacNeil, (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 7:04 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 2/23/16 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 2/9/16 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 1/31/16 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 1/31/16 was accepted as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR: was adopted as presented.

REVISION OF 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR: was approved as follows: If the District has four (4) emergency closing days remaining at the end of the school day on March 27th, the following days will be designated as snow days in this order: 1) March 28, 2016, 2) May 26, 2016, 3) April 22, 2016 and 4) May 2, 2016. If one snow day is used, school will be in session on March 28, 2016. If two snow days are used, school will be in session on March 28, 2016 and May 26, 2016. If three snow days are used, school will be in session on March 28, 2016, May 26, 2016 and April 22, 2016.

APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: was approved as presented.

CHANGE ORDER/ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENTS: were approved as follows: 1-CO#02-009 for Northland Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$-1,379 (credit), 2-AD#03-001 for K & L Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$-3,407.27 (credit), 3-AD#03-002 for K & L Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$-1,276.17 (credit).

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE: Scott Wolfe and Jim Willis, Construction Management representatives from CS Arch were present to give the board an update on the Transportation facility project. They reviewed a construction status report (included in supplemental file) with members and reported that the project was on schedule and under budget at this point. Despite a minor setback relative to the colored concrete in the main walking area of the facility, all other areas of the project are either on schedule or ahead of schedule.

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Hans commended whomever was responsible for the new security vestibule at Franklin Academy. He said they did a nice job. Mr. Lawrence, Director of Facilities, said there are still a couple of things to finish to make it a bit more warm and welcoming but that he was happy with what his team completed.

Mr. Rogers mentioned that Dr. Bill Daggett will be at the District on April 7TH to make a presentation to members of the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton School Boards Association, which is sponsoring the event. The topic of Dr. Daggett's presentation will be "Infusing Career Readiness".

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Mr. Whipple reviewed the 2016-2017 bus replacement plan with Board members, as well as the recommendation from Mr. Barse, Transportation Supervisor on the purchase of a new vehicle for student transportation needs. The vehicle, estimated to cost about \$35,000, will be included with the four recommended buses as a separate proposition on the May 2016 ballot. Mr. Griffin spoke about the enrollment projection report, which will be available at the next board meeting. It appears based on the report that enrollment will remain stable over the next few years. He mentioned that pre-K and Kindergarten registration will occur over the next month and those forms are available on the district website so parents can begin the process. Mr. Rogers stated that final state aid numbers should be forthcoming in the next month. There are multiple days upcoming where education advocacy groups will be meeting with legislators. This is the opportunity to make them aware of our needs to have foundation aid increased for 2016-17.

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

RESIGNATION: was accepted from Amy LaVine (Co-Advisor of Travel Club), effective February 3, 2016.
SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS: were made to: John Miletich (Modified Baseball), Step I(1), Jacob Powers (JV Baseball), Step I(1), Shelley Skelly (Modified Softball), Step III, Scott Marlow (Girls' Varsity Spring Track Head Coach), Step III, Cory West (Girls' Varsity Spring Track Assistant Coach), Step III
ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS/AIDES: were made to: Lena Marshall, Kellie McFaul, Amanda Reome, Megan Thomas, Amanda Woodward, (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide), Cassandra Stone (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Teacher Aide/Home Tutor)

Support Staff

SUBSTITUTE: was made to Kevin Turner (Cleaner/Custodian), effective 2/24/16.

RESIGNATIONS: were accepted from Michael Peryea (Bus Driver), effective 2/12/16 and Judi Lynn Shanty (Teaching Assistant), effective 3/4/16.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

2/23/16