

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – March 22, 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, Carol Hunter, Edward Lockwood, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Philip Hans, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen J. Dupree

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Building Principal, Melissa Brown, Shelley Mulverhill, Jason Black (CSEA), 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 7:10 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 3/22/16 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 3/8/16 and Special Meeting 3/15/16 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 2/29/16 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 2/29/16 was postponed until the April 12th BOE meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

LEGAL NOTICE FOR BUDGET HEARING 5/10/16 AND ANNUAL MEETING 5/17/16: was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF 2016 HUSKIES SCIENCE & SWIM SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP: which will be held July 11 - August 12 was approved as presented.

CHANGE ORDERS/ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENTS FOR CAPITAL PROJECT: were approved as follows: CO #01-005 for TJ Fiacco Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$-2,618 (credit); CO #04-004 for Dow Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$649.30; AD #01-001 for TJ Fiacco Construction, LLC in the amount of \$-11,246 (credit); AD #04-004 for Dow Electric Inc. in the amount of \$-4,674.04 (credit); AD #04-005 for Dow Electric Inc. in the amount of \$-6,754.16 (credit).

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers commented on what a tremendous job students did in the Beauty and the Beast production. It couldn't have been done without the support of the parents, staff and community members. Mrs. Kissane also mentioned that the children who attended were excited to meet the characters after the show.

Mr. Rogers reported that the presentation by Willow Sweeney to Middle School and Franklin Academy students was well received. He also reminded board members about the upcoming presentation from Bill Daggett on April 7th at Franklin Academy High School.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Mr. Whipple reported that the state budget was not yet finalized, but the legislature should pass a budget by April 1st. State aid numbers should be forthcoming the following week. Mr. Whipple reviewed the major one house proposals of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly. The Senate proposal increases Foundation Aid by \$880 million, and totally eliminates the Gap Elimination Adjustment in 16-17. These aid proposals amount to \$750 million more than the executive proposal. Other Senate initiatives proposed in their one-house bill include rejecting the Governor's STAR proposal to convert STAR to a tax credit for new homebuyers, increasing aidable salaries for BOCES CTE teachers from \$30,000 to \$50,000 (over five years), exempting districts with less than 5,000 students from the internal audit function, providing an initiative to have school resource officers in schools and providing credits for those who give donations made to schools and scholarship funds.

Mr. Rogers remarked that the donation credit proposal is not fair and equitable because most of the donations would flow to wealthy schools from wealthy residents. Low wealth schools would most likely lose out on these funds and the total amount allocated for this initiative by the state takes away from public educational institutions, who desperately need those resources.

The Assembly proposal includes a total aid increase of \$2.13 billion, with \$1.1 billion in the form of foundation aid. Other Assembly proposals include replacing out of date software systems at SED and raising the cap for BOCES CTE salaries from \$30,000 to \$34,000.

Mr. Griffin suggested that he will present the final budget to the board on April 12th. Discussion by board members can take place on the recommended items in the budget if the district receives additional aid, with the final approved budget to be considered for adoption at the April 19th meeting. All members were in agreement with that approach.

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

Support Staff

ADJUSTMENTS: were made to Melanie Clookey, James Gardner, Bentley McQuinn, Bruce Soucia, Frank Stepanoski, (Bus Drivers), effective 3/23/16.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS: were made to Jeremy Collins and Jackie Collins (Bus Drivers), effective 3/23/16.

SUBSTITUTE: was made to Amanda Reome (Cleaner), effective 3/23/16.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:36 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

3/22/16