

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – April 14, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:00 P.M. at FEH BOCES Conference Room, Malone.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne Rogers, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood, Carol Hunter, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Stephen J. Dupree, Donna Kissane, Philip Hans

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Arlie Collins

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Principal, Nate Hathaway (MFT), Brianne Iby, Suanne Tatro, Melissa Brown, Jason Black (CSEA).

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rogers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

AGENDA for 4/14/15 was adopted.

CTE BUILDING TOUR: Mr. Shafer, FEH BOCES District Superintendent gave the Board a tour.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 3/24/15 were approved as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

FUND SURPLUS RESOLUTION: was approved as presented.

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

BOARD REPORTS: None

LETTER FROM ASSEMBLYWOMAN JANET L DUPREY: Mr. Rogers acknowledged the letter the Board received from Assemblywoman Janet Duprey. The letter was in response to the board's recent resolution to provide for a sound basic education.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: – Mr. Whipple began the budget discussion by reviewing 2015-2016 revenue projections, especially those in the state aid category. Due to the recently passed NYS budget, the district just became aware of aid that will be provided to Malone CSD next year. The district's Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was reduced by \$346,881, leaving only \$7,080 in GEA for 2015-2016. Additionally, the district is set to receive an increase in Foundation Aid of \$209,558. Those two increases, along with additional projected aid for BOCES and Excess Cost are proposed to generate \$852,709 in increased aid for 2015-2016 as compared to 2014-2015. Mr. Whipple also reviewed the expenditure budget, which had not changed much since the board last met. Mrs. Kissane commented that with regard to special education services provided for students attending residential placements, it was her expectation that the district monitor the student progress very closely. Specifically, student assessment scores should be reviewed as well as alternative placements. Mr. Griffin explained that the administration has constant contact and discussions internally about these placements. Out of the district's approximate 2,600 student population, there are only five students that attend residential placements.

Mr. Griffin reviewed the programmatic additions to the budget for 2015-2016. Mrs. Kissane asked for more information about the additional administrative and support positions in the Pupil Personnel Services department. Ms. Hunter and Mr. Hans questioned why the originally proposed Franklin Academy Dean of Students position was taken out of the budget. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Pelkey commented that they were comfortable with moving ahead without the Dean at this time due to additional monies the district is receiving as part of the Focus School process. There may be an opportunity to add an additional part time Dean or instructional coordinator position through the Focus Grant next year, which would eliminate the need to hire a full time Dean with General Fund monies.

Mrs. Kissane asked about the types of additional after-school activities that are included in the budget for next year. Mr. Griffin has met with Principals and teachers about offering STEM enrichment activities for elementary students with additional funds. These would include 4-6 sessions in both the fall and spring and be similar in nature to the STEM activities being pursued at the high school level. Mr. Whipple stated that there will be additional after-school bus runs for these and other activities as well.

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

**Instructional Staff:**

RESIGNATIONS: Jennifer Bailey (Science Teacher), effective 7/1/15 and Jackie McCarthy (Third Grade Coordinator), effective 6/30/15.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Jeffrey Soper was granted one year leave of absence from Girls' Varsity Cross Country Coaching position for the fall of 2015.

**Support Staff:**

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: Lori Burdash (Lifeguard) effective 4/15/15 \*pending Franklin County Civil Service Approval.

RESIGNATION: Kelly Barney (Teaching Assistant, Flanders), effective 5/1/15.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

2015-2016 BUDGET: in the amount of \$48,761,410 was adopted as presented (2.44% increase from 14-15).

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:06 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

4/14/15