

FRANKLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the October 9, 2019 Meeting

The Mission of Franklin School is to provide a safe, nurturing, inspiring, and engaging environment through diverse learning experiences. Students are empowered to become creative, self-confident thinkers, problem solvers, communicators and collaborators who embrace life-long learning and become compassionate contributors to global society.

Members Present: P. Calvert, S. Tracey, K. Benjamin, A. Dvorak, C. Frank, A. Reischerl arrived at 7:35 pm
Members Absent: K. Ericson

1. Call to Order: P. Calvert called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
2. Recognition of Visitors: T. Craney, L. Flaherty, T. Bourdon, First Selectman Grant
3. Additions to Agenda by Board Members
P. Calvert added First Selectman Grant to the agenda under 4.1.
4. Consent on Minutes:
A motion was made by S. Tracey to approve the August 9, 2019 special meeting minutes.
A. Dvorak seconded. Motion carried.

4.1: First Selectman Grant updated the BoE on the following:
 - The oil tank installation will be complete by Tuesday, October 15, 2019.
 - Requested a SIP wish list from BoE and suggested they meet with the Board of Selectmen.
 - Notified state and is working on getting a flashing sign on Pond Road indicating that it's school zone.
 - Invited students from STEAM to paint a mural at town hall. Mr. Keith will look into it.
5. Strategic Plan Status
 - 5.1 *Board Recognitions:*
P. Calvert thanked the following board members for their service on the BoE and presented them with plaques.
C. Frank, A. Dvorak, A. Reischerl
 - 5.2 *Introduction of new teachers:*
G. Keith introduced Mr. John DelVento (music teacher) and Mr. Brian Zaklukiewicz (gym teacher, health teacher, Athletic Director).
 - 5.3 *STEAM presentation - Mrs. Flaherty and Hovercraft project*
Mrs. Flaherty gave a presentation on the STEAM program and the Hovercraft project with some members enjoying a brief ride on it.
 - 5.4 *Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Result Summary:*
G. Keith provided data on the 2018-2019 SBA Results and pointed out that for MATH:
 - FES ranked 3rd highest in the State of CT for Growth

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- a. FES students will become college, career and life ready through curriculum, instruction and assessment that emphasizes 21st century skills, digital literacy and personalization, relevancy and hands-on learning
 - b. FES teachers and students will engage in and implement a cycle of continuous improvement to monitor and evaluate progress toward learning mastery.
 - c. FES will build the capacity of teachers to lead and advance 21st century teaching and learning through high quality professional learning.
 - d. Community engagement with FES will be increased through open communication with parents and the community.
 - e. FES will become a center of excellence through innovative learning design and appropriate collaboration.
 - f. FES will maximize the use of the building through the development of collaborative partnerships.
6. Old Business:
- P. Calvert informed the BoE that there has been some miscommunication about Hartford Health Care (HHC) payment of services and lease income for Green Valley School (GVS). Subsequently, that is why the BoE exceeded the projected budget by \$32,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019. He stated that improving communication between the BoE and Board of Finance (BOF) would help define how to manage reimbursements. Specifically by establishing a subcommittee comprised of 2 members of the BoE and 2 members of the BoF. S. Tracey and K. Benjamin agreed to be on the subcommittee.
7. Correspondence: None
8. Administration and Committee Reports Requiring Board Action: None
9. Superintendent Report: None. Dr. Fenn was unable to attend.
10. Principal's Report:
- G. Keith summarized FES' September events and noted that Open House had positive feedback. He also mentioned that Office Collin Konow will be meeting with staff within the next month to review safety procedures; amongst other positive news and events.
11. New Business
- 11.1 Discussion of Next Year's Board of Education Calendar
S. Tracey made a motion to meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm with an additional meeting the 4th Wednesday in February and March; if any additional meetings are needed for the other months they will be added as a Special Meeting. K. Benjamin seconded. Motion carried.
- 11.2 The 2019-20 Board of Education Budget Schedule:
P. Calvert informed the BoE that moving forward every other month they should alternate between reviewing the school budget and the cafeteria budget and grants.
- 11.3 2019-20 Budget discussion

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P. Calvert mentioned that the BoE will now be provided with the Town's Profit and Loss statement each month and that the town put Quikbooks on Chuck Myers, FES business manager, bn and G. Keith's computers.

11.4 *Social and Emotional Programming - "Choose Love" programming*

G. Keith mentioned that Beth Konefal, FES School Psychologist, has started implemented this program with the FES students, which was created by a mother of one of the Sandy Hook victims.

12. Committee Reports

12.1 Chairman

- Invited NFA to make a presentation at either the December or January BoE meeting.
- Teacher Contract Negotiations have begun.

12.2 Relations and Information: None

12.3 Policy: First Read Policy 5117 Student Attendance Areas

G. Keith mentioned that there is no language in the current policy that speaks specifically on the topic of overlapping high school student tuition, which was discussed at the last meeting, and will further look into it.

13. Informational Inquiries by Board Members: None

14. Informational Inquiries by Staff and Public: None

15. Executive Session: None

16. Next **Scheduled** Meeting Date: **November 13th, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Gregory
BoE Secretary