

FRANKLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the August 15, 2019
Special Meeting

Media Center, Franklin Elementary School

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. Reischerl, A. Dvorak

Members Absent: K. Ericson, C. Frank

1. Call to Order: Chairman Calvert called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
2. Recognition of Visitors: Tom Craney
3. Consent to Minutes: A motion was made by S. Tracey to approve the May 8, 2019 Meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Dvorak. Motion carried.

4. Strategic Plan Status

- 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.
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5. Old Business

5.1 *Final Status of 2018-19 Budget:*

P. Calvert informed all that the BoE budget projection was not what they expected due to payments by Green Valley School. Dr. Fenn pointed out that there is not having a line item for revenue currently and that the town and school will be working with the auditors to come up with a hand-in-hand common approach on accountability of the school budget. G. Keith added that the town put Quikbooks on his computer so school and town can run same reports and have a better understanding.

5.2 *Report on SPARK Summer Camp:*

G. Keith mentioned that the camp was outstanding and well received by 21 Franklin students, home school students, and out of district students, too.

5.3 Facilities Update:

G. Keith mentioned the following items:

- Phone was installed outside of the gym doors entrance in case of emergencies.
- 4 more cameras were added to monitor outdoor premises
- All locks were fixed in the building
- An emblem of the FES Patriot logo was added to the gym floor which was paid for by the Class of 2019. Gym floor was stripped and waxed as well.
- Phone system was repaired to include direct extensions to main office, nurse, business office, special education director, and cafeteria manager.
- Former oil tank was taken out of the ground and a new one is being installed above ground in the parking lot next to cafeteria back entrance.

6. Correspondence: None

7. Administration and Committee Reports Requiring Board Action: None

8. Superintendent Report: Discussed earlier under 5.1.

9. Principal's Report:

G. Keith mentioned the following:

- 3 teachers and G. Keith went to Eureka training for the new math program.
- Website is up and running.
- Enrollment as of 8/15/19 is 159.
- 2 FES students received scholarships to attend the Project O Summer Program.

10. New Business

10.1 New Staff for 2019-20 Introduction and Welcome to FES staff members

None were able to attend tonight so they will be coming to the September BoE meeting.

10.2 Status of 2018-19 School Opening:

G. Keith informed the BoE of the following:

- Professional Development Day will be August 27, 2019.
- Everything is on target for the first day of school August 28, 2019.
- Open House will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019.

- 10.3 Discussion of Board Goals for 2019-20 School Year:
P. Calvert will write up goals to include the suggestions:
1. Finance 2. Security 3. Staff Training 4. Wellness
- 10.4 Pilot Grade 3 Standards Based Report Card, Presented by Katelyn Chamberland
K. Chamberland, 3rd grade teacher, did a presentation on the standard based report cards that she would like to start utilizing for her 3rd grade students.

11. Committee Reports

11.1 Chairman:

- P. Calvert asked status of BoE terms. A Dvorak stated that they will not be running for another term. S. Tracey confirmed that he would be seeking re-election. P. Calvert heard that C. Frank would not be seeking re-election.
- BoE should invite NFA to come to an upcoming BoE meeting in either November or December.
- Students who would like to transfer to high schools:
A motion was made by P. Calvert that the Franklin School District will only pay one tuition per student per school year for regular education students.
Discussion: S. Tracey suggested to follow up with a policy/
Motion carried.

11.2 Relations and Information: None

- 11.3 Policy -- Use of Physical Force/Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out:
G. Keith mentioned that this is the second review and it aligns with the August 14, 2019.
S. Tracey made a motion to accept Policy P5144.1a. A. Reischerl seconded. Motion carried.
G. Keith mentioned that he will follow up with the person from the State Department of Education with regard to the bullying topic.

11.4 Technology: None

12. Informational Inquiries by Board Members:

S. Tracey asked if the contract with Bacon Academy has been finalized. P. Calvert stated that it hasn't been signed yet.

– Informal Discussion of FES Graduation Tradition:

P. Calvert brought up the following points:

- Why do male (green gowns and caps) and female students (white gowns and caps) wear different colored gowns?
- Why are the male and female students separated?
- How can there be more than one Valedictorian?
- BoE gives out an award each year but is not involved with the decision making of the student chosen to receive it.
- Why are there so many awards given out?

13. Informational Inquiries by Staff and Public

T. Craney mentioned that FES should revisit having 8th graders do community service.

14. Executive Session: *Superintendent Evaluation:*

A motion was made by S. Tracey to enter executive session at 8:28 pm. A. Resicherl seconded.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by S. Tracey to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. A. Dvorak seconded.
Motion carried.

15. Next **Scheduled** Meeting Date: *September 11th, 2019*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Gregory