

Board Attendees: Tim Dow – Chairperson, December Fortin – Vice Chairperson, Nancy Coffin, Peter Heath, Scott Burns, Lisa Tremblay, Shelly Henry

Absent Board Members: Tamara Feener (via phone for first ½), Robin Gargano, Greg Husband, Chad Carey, and Angie Carey

Administration/Faculty: None

Others: Janet Desrochers (Franklin Resident), Paula McDonough (Hill Resident), George Dzjuna (Franklin Resident), Deb Brown (Franklin Resident), Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

Tim Dow, School Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

Salute to the Flag

Approval, SAU School Board Meeting April 23, 2015

MOTION: Peter Heath moved to accept the minutes of the SAU School Board Meeting of April 23, 2015 as presented, seconded by December Fortin.

Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 2 Abstained (Scott Burns and Lisa Tremblay as they were not present for the meeting discussed)

Approval, SAU School Board Meeting May 14, 2015

MOTION: Peter Heath moved to accept the minutes of the SAU Board Meeting of May 14, 2015 as presented, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Passes – 7 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Tamara Feener as she was not present for that meeting)

Approval, SAU School Board Meeting May 19, 2015

MOTION: Peter Heath moved to accept the minutes of the SAU Board Meeting of May 19, 2015 as presented, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Passes – 7 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Nancy Coffin as she was not present for that meeting)

Public Participation – Nothing

Recognitions – Nothing

New Business

Update, SAU Audit

Amanda Bergquist provided the Board with an update of the SAU Audit. Currently, 2011 is done and a draft of the 2012 is awaiting a single audit compliance testing to be completed. Once this has returned, they will begin 2013.

MOTION: Tamara Feener moved to have the consolidation topic be moved to the top of the agenda, seconded by Lisa Tremblay.

Motion Passes – 5 in Favor (Tamara Feener, Lisa Tremblay, Nancy Coffin, Peter Heath, and Scott Burns), 2 Opposed (Shelly Henry and Tim Dow), 1 Abstained (December Fortin)

An overview of the history of this topic was referenced. The former superintendent was to contact the SAU attorney for legal advice and relay the information at the next Board Meeting but it never came to flourish.

Consolidation

MOTION: Tamara Feener moved to take the topic of consolidation of the table for discussion, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Tim Dow reviewed previous minutes over the past year, he found that nothing more was mentioned.

The Franklin School District SAU Withdrawal Exploration Committee is still working on the feasibility and whether or not it would be fiscally responsible to withdraw. The Committee is still gathering information.

Discussion was held regarding the difference between consolidation and withdrawal.

Scott Burns stated that the withdrawal plan would need to include benefits for the Hill School District.

Shelly Henry was opposed to the consolidation for many reasons which included the money from the Hill School District should not go through the City of Franklin and neither should human resource services.

Nancy Coffin stated that school and city/town finances are two different and separate processes and should remain separated as it is the entire state.

Tamara Feener stated that this would be a good leadership role to be the first in the state to do this and that it would be a savings.

Nancy Coffin did not feel that our districts should be the first to try something as major as this.

Peter Heath stated that not all of the questions have been answered and without these questions being answered he is not in favor of consolidation.

December Fortin expressed her concerns that there is no Union in Hill but there is in Franklin and she was also concerned about privacy issues.

Some of Shelly Henry's other concerns include the difference in software between the schools and city/town, cost and a lot of other unknowns without legal council.

MOTION: Lisa Tremblay moved to table until the many unknown questions, which affect all parties, are answered and the attorney is contacted, seconded by Peter Heath.

Superintendent LeGallo was asked to contact the attorney regarding the legalities and ask them to be present at the November SAU Board Meeting. The questions referenced were from the September 2014 meeting and beyond.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Approval, 2016-17 SAU School Board Meeting Schedule – to be presented at the November 2015 Board Meeting

MOTION: Peter Heath moved to approve agenda items 3-7 as presented by the Superintendent

3. Approval, Title IX Coordinator for 2015-16 (Superintendent or Designee) – Dan Sylvester
4. Approval, ESL Contact Person for 2015-16 (Superintendent or Designee) – Richard Towne
5. Approval, Homeless Liaison for 2015-16 (Superintendent or Designee) – Paul Borsh
6. Approval, 504 Coordinator for 2015-16 (Superintendent or Designee) – Mike Hoyt
7. Approval, 2015-16 Authorization of Fiscal Agent (Superintendent or Designee) – Amanda Bergquist

seconded by December Fortin.

Discussion was held regarding various degrees of background and experience regarding each topic for certain employees.

Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 2 Opposed (Tamara Feener and Scott Burns)

MOTION: Nancy Coffin moved approve Thursday, November 5, 2015 as the SAU Budget Work Session for the 2016-17 Budget in the Franklin Middle School – Library in Franklin, NH and have the attorney be present for this meeting, seconded by Peter Heath.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

MOTION: Nancy Coffin moved to confirm December 3, 2015 as the date for the public hearing/business meeting to be held in the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School- Cafeteria in Hill, NH, seconded by December Fortin.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Consolidation – moved to beginning of agenda

Superintendent's first 100 days

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo stated that over the 100 days it has been wonderful. He has done a lot of listening to students, staff, administrators and the board. He has toured the schools with the principals. They have held three administrator's meeting. Many conversations have been held with attorneys regarding withdrawals, consolidations, etc. After much review, the district is on track with the strategic plan. Superintendent LeGallo created an easy read version of Strategic Plan, progress and goals.

Discussion was held regarding the process of Superintendent evaluation and contract.

Discussion was held regarding the drop out rate, retentions, Project AWARE, and I².

OTHER – nothing

FINANCE

Finance Report/Expenditure Report - nothing

Audit – done earlier in the meeting

Budget Process 2016-17

The budget will be gone through page by page in November 2015.

Adjournment

MOTION: Lisa Tremblay moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm, Peter Heath seconded.

Motion Carried - Unanimous