

## **REGULAR BOARD MINUTES November 14th, 2018**

The Franklin Board of Education met in a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, in the computer lab at Franklin High School. President Curt Reznicek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening of  
Organizational  
Meeting

Members present were Curt Reznicek, William Smith, Jennifer Colwell, Holly Whalen, Natalie Prince and Kevin Roodhouse. Principals Jeff Waggener and Christy Willman were there and also Superintendent Curt Simonson.

Board Members  
Present

Visitors were Amada Streit, Mary Henry, Wes Koehler, Helen Humphreys with Apex, Will Nissen with Apex, FHS Auditor

Visitors Present

Principal Waggener Reported On:

### **Student Recognition:**

- Congratulations to Abigail Trout for being selected October Student of the Month
- Congratulations to Mrs. Slaughterback and her 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health students for a very successful “Socktober”. They collected 1403 pair of socks which will be donated to shelters around the area.

Principal  
Waggener  
Reported

### **Teacher Recognition:**

- Thanks to Mrs. Slaughterback, all staff and community members for a great Halloween and Trunk or Treat celebration.
- Thanks to Mrs. Davenport and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class for a successful fundraiser. The students had their prize celebration and pizza party on 11-7. This celebration also included students getting to throw pies in my face.
- Thanks to Mrs. Stocker and her class, along with the PTF, for supplying food for the Parent/Teacher conferences.

### **School Improvement:**

- IL State Report Card results for 2017:
  - Franklin Jr. – Sr. High schools are recognized as “Commendable”:  
A school that has no underperforming student groups, a graduation rate greater than 67%, and whose performance is not in the top 10% of schools statewide.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Final Exams have been scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Follies have been scheduled for April 13, 201

**New Cell Phone Handbook Policy  
Recommendation  
11-2-18**

**This is the policy we crafted at Central High School. It worked very well, however we were not a 1-1 school. Since Franklin Jr/Sr High also has laptops, we would need to add loss of laptop if the student body reaches the 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike Policy.**

**USE OF CELL PHONES:**

**All cell phones and similar electronic devices must be kept powered-off and in your locker during the regular school day (8:05-3:10 pm) with the exception of the students' lunch period. Cell phones may be used during lunch; however, cell phone camera usage is not permitted. Any student who is caught using or possessing their cell phone outside of their lunch period will have the phone confiscated and the appropriate punishment will be administered as stated below. In addition, A Three Strike Policy will be instated to ensure proper phone usage. When a student uses or possesses their phone outside of their lunch period, a Strike will be recorded. The student body, as a whole, will be allowed 3 Strikes before cell phone usage during lunch is suspended for a period of 7 school days. The loss of Cell Phone privilege would also mean the loss of using laptops during lunch time. The Strike Count will be posted in the lunch rooms and in the announcements. Students are to use the school's phone should they need to make a personal call. Cell phones may be used in emergency situations only.**

**Penalty for Violation of Cell Phone Policy:**

**Students who violate this policy will be dealt with in this manner:**

- 1st offense – Written warning and phone confiscated**
- 2nd offense – 1hour Saturday detention and phone confiscated**
- 3rd offense – 4 hour Saturday detention and phone confiscated; parent must pick up phone at the high school office**
- 4th offense – Student banned from having phone at school. >Infraction results in ISS (In School Suspension)**

**The current Franklin policy states:**

**CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices during school hours is strictly prohibited. School hours is considered between 7:00 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off and kept in the student's locker, book bag, or purse. Students may only use cell phones/electronic devices in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.

Students in violation of the above policy will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

**First offense: The student's cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and placed in the office for parents to pick up. The student will receive a 1-hour detention.**

**Second offense: The student's cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and placed in the office for parents to pick up. The student will receive a 2-hour detention.**

**Repeated violations will result in further disciplinary action.**

**Concerns:**

- Students have been allowed to keep their cell phones on their person, not in lockers
- Does this pertain to Jr. High? We did not allow this for Central.
- Do we want students to be able to use their cell phones before school? Currently they can not.

**Board Report**

- More Great News – We received the APEX Lincoln Land Wind grant for the Spheros and Bee Bots!
- The Title Grant has been submitted, we hope to have approval from the state soon. In the grant, we are asking to use funds to pay the salary of our Title teacher and ½ the salary of our Math specialist.
- We have also submitted the Title Plan for our district, we are asking for your approval of the Plan.
- We have received a letter from the State, designating Alexander Elementary School with a rating of “Exemplary” for their academic achievements. The letter is attached.
- We had a great Veteran's Day program last week. This is the most Veterans present for a program in many years. I appreciate all the

Principal Willman  
Reported

planning that took place, special thanks to Amanda Streit, Mary Henry and Jason Courier.

- Attached to my report is the MAP scores for all of our students in grades K-11, it is the breakdown of how each of our classrooms scored. We will use these scores to measure each student's growth after their spring benchmark test.
- Also attached to my report is two price quotes for a playground structure and rubber matting from NuToys.
- The Franklin 4<sup>th</sup> Committee is sponsoring a Community Christmas program on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. All of our students in grades PK-5<sup>th</sup> are welcome to attend and participate, this is a voluntary program. Our students have had some time to practice songs with Donielle Purdue, a parent volunteer. The Committee decided to put this program together since the school did not have a Christmas Concert last year.

William Smith made a motion to act on the Oath of Office to seat a new Board Member. Motion seconded by Kevin Roodhouse. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Prince, and Whalen. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Oath of Office to  
Seat a New  
Board Member

William Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Kevin Roodhouse. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Prince, Whalen and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve Consent  
Agenda

Kevin Roodhouse made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to prepare the Levy for 2018. Motion Seconded by Holly Whalen. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Prince, Whalen, and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve  
Superintendent  
to Prepare the  
Levy for 2018

Kevin Roodhouse made a motion to purchase a new power washer for the bus garage. Motion Seconded by Natalie Prince. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Prince, Whalen, and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve the  
Purchase of New  
Power Washer  
for Bus Garage

Holly Whalen made a motion to approve the school report cards for 2018. Motion seconded by Jennifer Colwell. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Prince, Whalen and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve the  
School Report  
Cards for 2018

William Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of security cameras. Motion seconded by Holly Whalen. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Reznicek, Smith, Roodhouse, Prince, Whalen and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve  
Purchase of  
Security  
Cameras

William Smith made a motion to approve the Title Plan for 2018-19 Motion seconded by Natalie Prince. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Whalen, Prince and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve Title  
Plan for 2018-19

Holly Whalen made a motion to approve the acoustic panels in the new gym. Motion Seconded by Kevin Roodhouse. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Whalen, Prince and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve  
Acoustic Panels  
in New Gym

William Smith made a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Motion Seconded by Holly Whalen. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Whalen, Prince and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve  
Personnel Report

Kevin Roodhouse made a motion to approve holiday cards. Motion Seconded by Jennifer Colwell. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Whalen, Prince and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Approve Holiday  
Cards

William Smith made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:57 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Motion seconded by Kevin Roodhouse. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes: Smith, Reznicek, Roodhouse, Prince, Whalen, and Colwell. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Enter Closed  
Session

Closed Session was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Adjournment

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President

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Secretary







