

Franklin School Board: Regular Meeting

Minutes

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Dan LeGallo, Superintendent																				
TYPE OF MEETING	Public																				
MINUTES	Robinson (School Board Clerk- Pro-temp)																				
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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE	<table><tr><td>None</td></tr></table>	None																			
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	<table><tr><td>Daniel LeGallo, Superintendent</td><td>Jefferson Braman, Business Administrator</td><td>Jule Finley, Curriculum Director</td></tr></table>			Daniel LeGallo, Superintendent	Jefferson Braman, Business Administrator	Jule Finley, Curriculum Director
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ADMINISTRATORS						
OTHERS	<table><tr><td>Patrice Brown</td><td>David Levesque</td><td>Jay Lewis</td></tr></table>			Patrice Brown	David Levesque	Jay Lewis
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Agenda:

ITEM #1	CALL TO ORDER	5:30 PM
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ITEM #1.1	Meeting was called to Order by Liz Cote, Chairperson
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ITEM #2	NON- PUBLIC SESSION	5:32 PM
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ITEM #2.1	Under the provisions of NH State Law RSA 91-A: 3 paragraph II a, b – regarding Personnel, the Board required a Non-Public Session.	
ACTION ITEM #2.1	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 paragraph II a, b and c regarding Personnel and Student Matters.	Michael Lombardo	Laurie Cass
Motion Approved by Unanimous Roll Call Vote	Abstentions:	

Non-Public Session:

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ACTION ON ITEM #2.2	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to come out of Non-Public Session	Michael Lombardo	Adam Heath
Motion Approved by Unanimous Roll Call Vote	Abstentions:	

No action was taken during the Non-Public Session:

ITEM #3	PUBLIC SESSION	6:00 PM
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ITEM #3.1	Meeting was called back to Order by Liz Cote, Chairperson
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ITEM #3.2 Those assembled stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ITEM #3.3 Kim Robinson (Clerk), confirmed that the meeting was posted as required by law.

ITEM #4	INTRODUCTION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL- PATRICE BROWN
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ITEM #4.1	Superintendent Dan LeGallo introduced and welcomed Patrice Brown.
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DISCUSSION	Patrice took a few minutes to share her background with the Board and what brought her to Franklin.
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ITEM #5	PUBLIC INPUT ON FEDERAL TITLE GRANTS
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ITEM #5	Superintendent LeGallo asked for input from stakeholders on Title grants.
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DISCUSSION	Superintendent LeGallo explained that the district is required to hold a meeting to solicit public input from stakeholders on how the district should be using the federal grants. Mr. LeGallo explained how funding has been handled in past years, remediation in math and reading, teacher training, and enrichment. There was no public participation in how grant funding should be used.
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ITEM #6	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
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ITEM #6.1	James Rago, Ward 3 discussed thinking outside the box and discussed budgeting strategies, specifically using summary versus detailed information. Mr. Rago also offered to volunteer his time if needed.
	Stephanie Wolf, Ward 3 expressed concern for the need to keep extracurricular activities, athletics, and the arts.
	Emily Bieber Harris, Ward 2 shared her thoughts that thriving schools create thriving communities. She went on to express the need to provide opportunities for the arts and athletics so that the kids are not carrying the burden of the budget.
DISCUSSION	

ITEM #7	APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MINUTES
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ITEM #7.1	June 15, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting, June 15, 2026, Non-Public Sessions, was presented for approval.
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DISCUSSION	Minutes were reviewed during non-public session with no amendments.
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ACTION ON ITEM #7.1	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to Approve June 15, 2026, Regular minutes and both Non-Public Sessions as presented and remaining sealed.	Michael Lombardo	Adam Heath

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Motion Approved by Majority Voice Vote	Abstentions: Jane Cote
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ITEM #8	NEW BUSINESS
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ITEM #8	Liz Cote, Chairperson, recognized Dan LeGallo, Superintendent
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ITEM #8.1	Resignation
DISCUSSION #8.1	Superintendent LeGallo asked the Board to accept the resignation of Chrissy Brown, behavior specialist at Franklin Middle School.

ACTION ON ITEM #8.1	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to accept the resignation of Chrissy Brown, with regret	Jane Cote	Laurie Cass
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote	Abstentions:	

ITEM #8.2	Nominations
#8.2 DISCUSSION	Superintendent LeGallo asked for the nomination of two positions. The first is Clara Valentine as a special education teacher at Franklin Middle School. The second nomination is Leslie McLane as a part-time math teacher at the Franklin High School.

ACTION ON ITEM #8.2	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to accept nominations as mentioned	Jack Finley	Michael Lombardo
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote	Abstentions:	

ITEM #8.3	26-27 Budget Discussion
#8.3 DISCUSSION	Budget Discussion was put on hold so copies of the expenditure and revenue detail sheet could be distributed to public participants.

ITEM #8.4	Food Pantry Memorandum of Understanding
8.4 DISCUSSION	Superintendent LeGallo shared that the district would like to enter into another one-year agreement for the Franklin Food Pantry to run their food pantry out of the Franklin Middle School. The Food Pantry has been using the middle school for the past three years.

ACTION ON ITEM #8.4	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to approve Superintendent LeGallo to sign the MOU for the food pantry	Laurie Cass	Michael Lombardo
Motion Approved as by Unanimous Voice Vote		

ITEM #8.5	CMF Kids Grant Acceptance
#8.5 DISCUSSION	Superintendent LeGallo asked the Board to approve the acceptance of the special ed consortium grant in the amount of \$255,000. Mr. LeGallo went on to explain the grant will be paid \$55,000 for the first year and \$100,000 in years two and year three.

ACTION ON ITEM #8.5	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to Approve the acceptance of the CMF grant for all three years	Jack Finley	Jane Cote

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ITEM #8.3	26-27 Budget Discussion Resumed from item 8.3
#8.3 Discussion	Superintendent LeGallo shared that the city has allocated \$52,300. Instead of the \$40,000 suggested for adult education, the district was able to fund it for \$37,876, allowing additional revenue of \$2,124, plus the \$12,300 allocation. The resignation of the behavior specialist allowed \$108,708 in revenue. Mr. LeGallo also shared the anticipated Capital Reserve Interest reallocation for an additional \$50,000. Mr. LeGallo also shared there was an employee electing to opt out of health insurance for additional savings of \$51,523. The district will also be reallocating funding to the CSI grant for FMS in the amount of \$42,265 and PSS for \$18,652, the \$60,000 of the Title IV grant will be used to help fund music. The projected revenue is a total of \$345,572. Superintendent LeGallo went on to break down the anticipated expenditure as such: Extracurricular \$23,501, nomination of a 7th grade teacher \$66,683, a part-time athletic director stipend \$15,000, a music teacher for both middle and high school for \$96,000, and the cost of athletics being a total of \$201,564, leaving a shortfall in athletics of \$42,176. With the shortfall in athletics, it was suggested that the Booster clubs could help with fundraising to offset the shortfall. Chairperson Liz Cote reminded the public and the Board that the reported revenue is not found or hoarded monies, it is all representative of tradeoffs and active movement to meet the needs that have been stated for our city.

ACTION ON ITEM #8.3.1	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to Authorize Superintendent LeGallo and Jefferson to request from the City the capital reserve interest reallocation balance.	Kayla Morse	Jane Cote
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote	Abstentions:	

ITEM #8.3.2	Nominations for part-time Athletic Director
DISCUSSION	Superintendent LeGallo asked the Board's approval for the nomination of Andrew Szendre as the next athletic director.

ACTION ON ITEM #8.3.2	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to approve the nomination for athletic director	Laurie Cass	Adam Heath
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote	Abstentions:	

ITEM #8.3.3	Nominations for FMS
DISCUSSION	Superintendent LeGallo asked the Board's approval for nomination of Maija Lucia as ELA teacher and Jen Szendre as the middle school and high school music teacher.

ACTION ON ITEM #8.3.3	MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
Motion to approve the nomination as stated	Jane Cote	Micheal Lombardo
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote	Abstentions:	

ITEM #8.6	School Board Retreat
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#8.6 DISCUSSION	Superintendent LeGallo shared that the Board retreat will be August 19, 2026, from 4pm to 8pm at the FMS library.
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ITEM #9	LATE ITEMS/OTHER	
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ITEM #9.1	LATE ITEMS / OTHER
DISCUSSION	Marie Danforth asked to read her concerns regarding the Board and being the “change” that needs to happen.

ITEM #10	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
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ITEM #10.1	Liz Cote, Chairperson, asked if anyone present wished to address the Board.
DISCUSSION	Victoria Cronin, Ward 2 shared ideas and the willingness to help with fundraising for athletics.

ITEM #11	NON-PUBLIC SESSION	
ITEM #11.1	There was no need for a second Non-Public session.	

ITEM #12	ADJOURNMENT	7:41 PM
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ITEM #12	Liz Cote, Chairperson, accepted a motion for adjournment.		
ACTION ON ITEM #12		MOTION MADE BY	SECONDED BY
<u>Motion</u> to adjourn		Kayla Morse	Micheel Lombardo
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote		Abstentions:	

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, August 24, 2026	FMS Library	6:00 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: KIM ROBINSON, BOARD CLERK PRO-TEMP