

FRANKLIN WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

Regular Meeting
May 27, 2009 at 7:00pm
Fairfax Community Library

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting: March 25, 2009

Reports:

Adrienne Fisher – Support Services

Mary Lynn Riggs – Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

Chris Sumner – Business Manager

Ann Dunn – Technology

School Board – Board Members

Bruce Chattman – Superintendent

Correspondence

3. Public Comment

4. New Business

- a. FWSU Central Office Lease - **Action**
- b. FWSU 403(b) Plan – **Action**
- c. Approve FY2010 LEAP Grant – **Action**
- d. Approve FWSU Technology Plan – **Action**
- e. Approve FWSU Action Plan – **Action**
- f. Professional Development Policy – *1st Reading*
- g. Curriculum Development & Coordination Policy – *1st Reading*

5. Other

6. Executive Session (Personnel)

7. Schedule of Quarterly Meetings:

- * **Wednesday, August 19, 2009** - 7:00pm at Fairfax Community Library
- * **Wednesday, November 18, 2009** - 7:00pm at Fairfax Community Library
- * **Wednesday, February 17, 2010** - 7:00pm at Fairfax Community Library
- * **Wednesday, May 19, 2010** - 7:00pm at Fairfax Community Library

10. Adjourn

Franklin West Supervisory Union Board
Regular Meeting March 25, 2009
Fairfax, VT

These minutes are not approved until accepted by the School Directors at their next meeting.

Present

Fairfax Board Members: Robin Freeman & Kim Johnson-Lesny
Fletcher Board Members: Betsy Lesnikoski & Dale Rock
Georgia Board Members: Doug Bergstrom & Matt Crepeau

Administrators: Bruce Chattman, Superintendent; Chris Sumner, Business Manager;
Adrienne Fisher, Director of Support Services; Mary Lynn Riggs, Director of
Assessment, Curriculum, & Instruction; Ann Dunn, Technology Director

Transcriptionist: Candy Granger

1. Call to Order:

Bruce Chattman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Board Re-Organization:

Chair: Doug Bergstrom made a motion to nominate Irene Bonin as the FWSU Chair.
Robin Freeman seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

Clerk: Matt Crepeau made a motion to nominate Doug Bergstrom as the FWSU
Clerk. Robin Freeman seconded. Chris Sumner informed Doug that if he were the
clerk he would need to sign the FWSU orders on every other Thursday over at her
office in Fairfax. Doug said that was fine with him. Motion passed, unanimously.

Executive/Personnel Committee:

Kim Johnson-Lesny, Fairfax
Betsy Lesnikoski, Fletcher
Irene Bonin, Georgia

Finance Committee:

Robin Freeman, Fairfax
Diane Dayvie, Fletcher
Doug Bergstrom, Georgia

Curriculum/Policy Committee:

Elaine Carpenter, Fairfax
Dale Rock, Fletcher
Matt Crepeau, Georgia

3. Consent Agenda -Minutes:

Betsy Lesnikoski made a motion to approve the December 17th, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes & the February 3rd, 2009 Special Meeting (Executive Session) Minutes. Matt Crepeau seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

4. Reports:

Adrienne Fisher - Support Services: Adrienne informed the board about American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus package, which will be coming to FWSU via grants with certain criteria for spending these funds over the next 2 years. Adrienne administers the IDEA-B grant & Mary Lynn administers the CFG Title grants. She handed out information regarding these funds, which we should be receiving in 2 installments, March & October.

Mary Lynn Riggs - Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment: Mary Lynn shared her handout of the FWSU Professional Development Plan. She informed the Board that the preschool & kindergarten teachers were concerned about the curriculum being taught to students in the early education program & the relationship between them & kindergarten. They asked for FWSU to hold a course for them & daycare providers. This is a graduate level course that meets over 8 weeks for 2 hours per week. The cost is \$500 for employees & \$100 for daycare providers. She explained what a great opportunity this is.

Chris Sumner - Business Manager: Chris shared the financial packet. Robin asked what happens to a surplus. Chris stated that she would like to discuss part of the surplus in Executive Session & also stated that Candy had volunteered to help her during April break to become compliant with GASB 34. She asked if that was okay with the board, & they were fine with proceeding. She also informed the Board that she will be bringing the 403B Plan to the Board for official approval at the May meeting.

Ann Dunn - Technology: Ann is working with staff at all 3 schools & has been focusing on professional development. She will bring more detailed information to the May meeting. There will be a technology course happening soon. She is looking into a new student management software that would be more compatible between all 3 schools. The SU has received some free computers from various businesses in the area. All the technicians will now be FWSU employees as of 7/1/09. Doug shared that Georgia would like to have better communication with parents with a new student management system.

School Board - Board Members:

Georgia:

Doug Bergstrom shared that Georgia passed their budget, they eliminated double bus runs and have choice of full day or part-time kindergarten. They recently held a long-range planning forum, which consisted of students, community members, & staff.

Fletcher:

Betsy Lesnikoski shared that Fletcher passed their budget and they have the same School Board.

Fairfax:

Robin Freeman shared that Fairfax passed their budget. They removed full day kindergarten & the budget passed overwhelmingly. They have 2 new board members.

Bruce Chattman - Superintendent: Bruce shared information about consolidating within the supervisory union. He also wants the board to think about if they would like to entertain collative bargaining throughout the district, such as trying to make contract agreements similar & general policies as well. Robin shared why Fairfax has concern regarding losing control at the local level regarding passing policies at the SU. Doug asked if we could look into a union high school for Georgia students to all go to Fairfax.

5. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

6. Public Comment:

There were no Public Comments.

7. Old Business:

A. FY 2010 Budget Update: Chris Sumner gave a copy to the board.

B. SU Policy Discussion: This item was discussed earlier.

C. FWSU Office Relocation: Chris Sumner shared some potential options for the new SU office location. Betsy Lesnikoski made a motion to authorize the FWSU to pursue a new location not to exceed the budgeted amount. Matt Crepeau seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

8. New Business:

A. FY 2008 Audit - Action: Chris asked if the Board had any questions on the FWSU FY 2008 Audit. Betsy Lesnikoski made a motion to approve the FWSU FY2008 Audit. Robin Freeman seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

B. Collective Bargaining: This item was discussed earlier & will be discussed further at the individual boards.

C. Powers of Supervisory Union Boards: This item was discussed earlier.

D. Governance Discussion: This item was discussed earlier.

E. Appoint Treasurer: Betsy Lesnikoski made a motion to appoint Chris Sumner as the FWSU Treasurer. Robin Freeman seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

9. Other:

We received a letter from Commissioner Vilaseca granting permission to hire Bruce Chattman to be the new FWSU Superintendent.

10. Executive Session (Personnel)

Robin Freeman moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:08pm to discuss a Personnel matter. Betsy Lesnikoski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:30pm. There was no action taken.

11. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 27th, 2009 @ 7pm @ Fairfax Community Library

12. Adjourn:

Robin Freeman made a motion to adjourn at 9:31pm. Kim Johnson-Lesny seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.