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Committee: City Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Meeting Date: October 10, 2019, 6:00 PM

Location: Downstairs Conference Room, City Hall, 316 Central St, Franklin, NH

Members Present:

City Council Members: Jo Brown, Kathy Rago

School Board Members: Tim Dow, School Board Chair, Jeff Savary,

Other Attendees: Dan LeGallo, Superintendent, Delaney Carrier and Scott Burns, School Board, Bob Desrochers and George Dzunja, City Council, Cecile Cormier, School Board Member Elect and Christine Dzunja, Franklin Middle School Librarian.

Absent: City Council Member Karen Testerman; School Board Member Anya Twarog

Agenda:

- Manufacturing Night
- Financial Transparency
- Other School/City areas of Collaboration.

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment.

Discussion:

- Jo Brown reminded all members about the upcoming Manufacturing Night scheduled for Friday, October 25 at the new Elks Lodge on South Main St. Five local manufacturers will be presenting information about their companies and what opportunities are available for our students and the public at large.
- Tim Dow confirmed that the School Board had voted 7-2 against discussion of consolidation of city and school financial operations, however he did state that there were other areas where collaboration could occur.
- Delaney Carrier suggested that the committee step back and take a look at what collaboration would look like between the city and the SAU. He suggested that the committee look at how collaboration could occur; what are the problems/concerns on both sides that need to be addressed and how does the committee want to work together

to move forward – where would be a good starting point, and what are some of the opportunities?

- Jo Brown suggested that common areas like health insurance and dental care could be possible starting points as the school will be negotiating three contract renewals this year for teachers and staff. Perhaps a larger pool of candidates from both the school and SAU could result in more savings for all. Another area was supplies, would it be possible to consolidate the buying of supplies for both the city and SAU to take advantage of a combined purchase power?
- Dan LeGallo stated that he could work with the SAU Business Administrator to determine if there might be any opportunity for consolidation across the three school buildings. If so, maybe then the SAU and city could look at a more centralized purchase of like administrative supplies, again looking at volume to help reduce cost.
- Another area was that of maintenance of buildings and grounds and that a discussion with MSD Director Brian Sullivan might be useful.
- Finally, there was a request that both the SAU and municipal budgets, with actuals, be posted in one place so that all the citizens of Franklin could see the entire taxpayer budget and better understand the needs of both entities. The school is working on putting out this information and the city is streamlining its presentation of the same data.
- Due to the upcoming holiday season, and the non-availability of some board members, it was determined that a November meeting would not be feasible and with the December holiday further limiting member attendance, this committee will resume meeting in 2020 under new leadership after the installation of new City Council and School Board members.

Other Business:

- There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted Jo Brown, City Councilor, Ward 1