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Committee: Mayoral Committee on Designing Franklin's Education for the 21st Century

Meeting Date: Aug 10, 2018

Location: City Hall (Blue Room) 316 Central St, Franklin, NH

Members:

Chair: Jo Brown, City Council

Chris Kneeland, School Board

Sandra Burney, Retired Teacher/Administrator, Merrimack Valley/Hopkinton School Districts

Carol Hodgdon, Retired Teacher, Franklin High School

Present:

Jo Brown

Carol Hodgdon

Sandra Burney

Chris Kneeland

Agenda:

- Approve Minutes of July 10 Meeting
- Public Comments
- Review state data on like school systems to learn and take advantage of areas of savings opportunities for both city and school
- Other
- Adjourn

Public Comment:

Public comments covered a wide range of topics and issues with the school, city council and school board relations, and possible financial opportunities such as building and grounds consolidation to assist with snow removal at the schools. For ease of readership and tracking, all comments have been combined in the attached Excel spreadsheet.

Committee Action:

The committee must now begin to prioritize areas where measurable improvements can begin to be seriously studied by the appropriate staffs. I believe the DFE committee has a good feel for the concerns of the public based on our meetings and other input. Now we need to take those concerns and put together a plan to begin to design our 21st Century Education in Franklin. Our opportunities with Colby-Sawyer and developing ELOs that work for our local businesses and agencies will, I believe, offer the kind of education that will allow our students to be fully prepared for the workplace or further education after high school. Aligning the interests and skills of our students along with the support provided from their teachers will help tailor the learning objectives of the school that meets the students need, not that of a curriculum that is a one size fits all. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in this area, and support will be vital and necessary from both the SAU, teaching staff, city departments and the students themselves. The quicker we can outline a curriculum that looks to the future, addressing the needs of both students and industry, as appropriate, the faster we can provide students the real tools they need to be successful after high school. This approach directly aligns with our Vision and Mission below.

Vision

To prepare all students to become responsible, caring and involved adults and community partners.

Mission

To offer the opportunity to every student to develop their innate talents and desires through a structured, supported school curriculum that addresses individual differences and promotes the development of caring adults able to function successfully in the work environment of today and in the future.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Our next meeting will be August 10, 2018 at City Hall (Blue Room), 316 Central St, Franklin, NH

Respectfully submitted Jo Brown, Chair

See Atch Spreadsheet of Comments

All future meetings will be public meetings posted by the City Manager's office.