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

Meeting Date: January 17, 2019

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

Chris Kneeland

Absent:

Sandra Burney

Agenda:

- Public Comments
- Approve Nov 15, 2018 Minutes
- Future Direction of Committee and School Board

Other Business:

- Adjourn

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment.

Minutes:

- Minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

Future Direction of Committee and School Board:

- There was a wide-ranging discussion of the work of the committee and its future. Tim Dow, Chair of the School Board, was the only person present apart from the committee members. There was a very good discussion of the school budget process, the concerns of the need for a clearer and more transparent budget, and some of the pending education legislation currently being reviewed by the NH Legislature. Chairman Dow had attended a hearing and was encouraged that some positive changes to school funding may happen in time for the next school year.
- There was also discussion about the actual budget process and the hope that with a new and capable Business Administrator at the SAU that the process will be smoother this year. There does appear to be a willingness to work better together as the city also has a new Chief Financial Officer with school budget experience.
- The SAU will soon be involved with the LEAN process, a review of school processes that seeks to eliminate waste in daily operations. The hope is to find opportunities to streamline processes and free up funds and resources that could be reallocated where most needed. The City Council has already spent 16 hours in their own LEAN review and it has been time very well spent.
- It was determined by the present committee members that future committee meetings were no longer necessary. Public attendance has fallen off and several of the recommendations of the committee will likely be covered in the school LEAN review. A final report will be prepared that will discuss the findings, opportunities and recommendations of the committee and will be presented to the City Council later this spring.

Other Business:

- None.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted Jo Brown, Chair