

Franklin Academy Board Meeting September 14 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Members present on the call were Bob Luddy, Al Merritt, and Rick Eddins.

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and Al Merritt motioned for resolution for approval and Rick Eddins seconded. All approved.

Bill Francis gave a financial update for the new school year. We are in the third month of the fiscal year and we are in-line with our budget. The state has not approved the final allocations per pupil, however, we should still be in-line with our current budget. Our upcoming annual audit will be held this fall and we will review when complete. No questions or comments.

Denise Kent presented IOWA test scores for grades K-7. The growth across the board for students in grades K-7 is one year and 3 months, which means they are getting 3 months more of education. Our students scored in the 90 percentile or higher across the board. The areas of concern that we recognized have been addressed with grade level teachers and parents. No questions or comments.

EOC state report cards are available and our school scored earned a B, 2 points away from an A. Last year we addressed some concern with Math and we have changed curriculum that should help with that area and we should see a larger growth this year. Over all we received our expected growth Franklin Academy had over 58 annual measured objectives that are in subgroups, i.e. race, sex, disabilities, social economics, and we met all the states 58 targets. Compared to other larger public middle schools have only 3 -4 targets. Eddins commented that compared to most other public and charter schools, we have either exceeded their scores or are equal. Kent stated that some charters have requirements to attend their school, such as academic standards.

David Mahaley pointed out that EOG scores for the High School show that we have significant growth and we will continue to look at ways to increase the growth.

Mary Jo Sullivan updated the board on Franklin Academy's fourth school community service project called Day of Service. Grades K-8 participated in many community events that day, such as, meeting and greeting Wake Forest fire and police departments, made placemat's for meals on wheels projects, making door signs for senior center, planting a day lily garden at school, and other services that benefited the community. Their efforts were recognized in the local paper as well as the local news.

There were no questions or comments. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.