

## School Liaison Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday April 12, 2012

Location: Franklin High School Library

Committee Members in Attendance:

Al Warner, Scott Clarenbach, George Dzjuna, Keith Lohmann & Paul Trudel.

Committee Members Absent: Ed Cogan

Also in Attendance:

From the SAU 18 / Franklin School Board: Karen Grzelak, Kathleen Russo & Bob Lucas

Prior to the scheduled meeting committee members attended the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony that was held in the High School cafeteria.

Due to a scheduling conflict with another venue that was being held at City Hall, this meeting was held in the High School Library.

The Committee sincerely thanks Dr. Ward, Keith Lohmann and Al Warner for their help to find and provide an alternate location for the meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:20PM by Co-chair Trudel

- I. Members of the community who wished to address the committee were invited to come forth to speak: There were none
- II. Approval of the minutes from the March 15, 2012 meeting:  
  
Motion made by Co-chair Trudel to approve the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Seconded by Scott Clarenbach  
There were no corrections or suggested revisions to the minutes as written.  
Unanimous approval to approve the minutes as written.
- III. Co-chair Lohmann requested the committee's consideration to allow a late agenda item that pertained to school funding.  
Approval was unanimous.  
A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.  
(Note: the information contained in this presentation was compiled from the State of New Hampshire website.)

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Narrative/Synopsis:

Upon conclusion of Co-chair Lohmann's presentation there was a lengthy and detailed discussion pertaining to school funding.

As illustrated in the presentation, when Franklin is compared to cities/towns of similar population size, there is a disparity in the amount of monies the city allocates to fund the Franklin SAU ( i.e. our contribution to school funding in most cases is lower.)

The committee discussed several possible causes pertaining to the disproportionate amount the SAU receives from the city and after coming full circle there was a recurring theme, that being, there lacks a clear understanding of the interrelationship of city's operating priorities and the SAUs operating priorities.

Since the funds required for operating both the city and the SAU effectively are finite there were several key points that the committee recognized:

- Problems are not solved by throwing money at them
- The City and SAU cannot continue to try to fund everything and expect to do it well
- Neither the City nor the SAU has a long term strategic plan in place to address the operating priorities of each entity separately
- There is little or no interaction between the City's finance director and the SAUs Business Administrator
- Budgetary processes for the City and the SAU take place at different times of the year
- We need to move away from a reactive crisis management mode of operation(s) to a proactive mode

Financially the short-term situation for the schools is good due to a) the closing of BRS, b) aggressive cost controls currently in place and c) the inclusion of no real capital improvements. This is not due to an abundance of revenue, but on the spending side, the current administration has budgeted within boundaries established in numerous discussions with the City Council last year.

There was mention of ways the city and the schools could combine resources and perhaps enjoy savings in areas such as snow removal for instance.

Since the various topics of conversation deserve further exploration there will be continued discussion at the Liaison Committee Meeting that will be held on Thursday, May 10.

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Clarenbach, this motion was seconded by George Dzjuna.

Approval to adjourn was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Lohmann, School Liaison Committee Co-chair

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Paul Trudel, School Liaison Committee Co-chair

Attachments:

School Funding Presentation

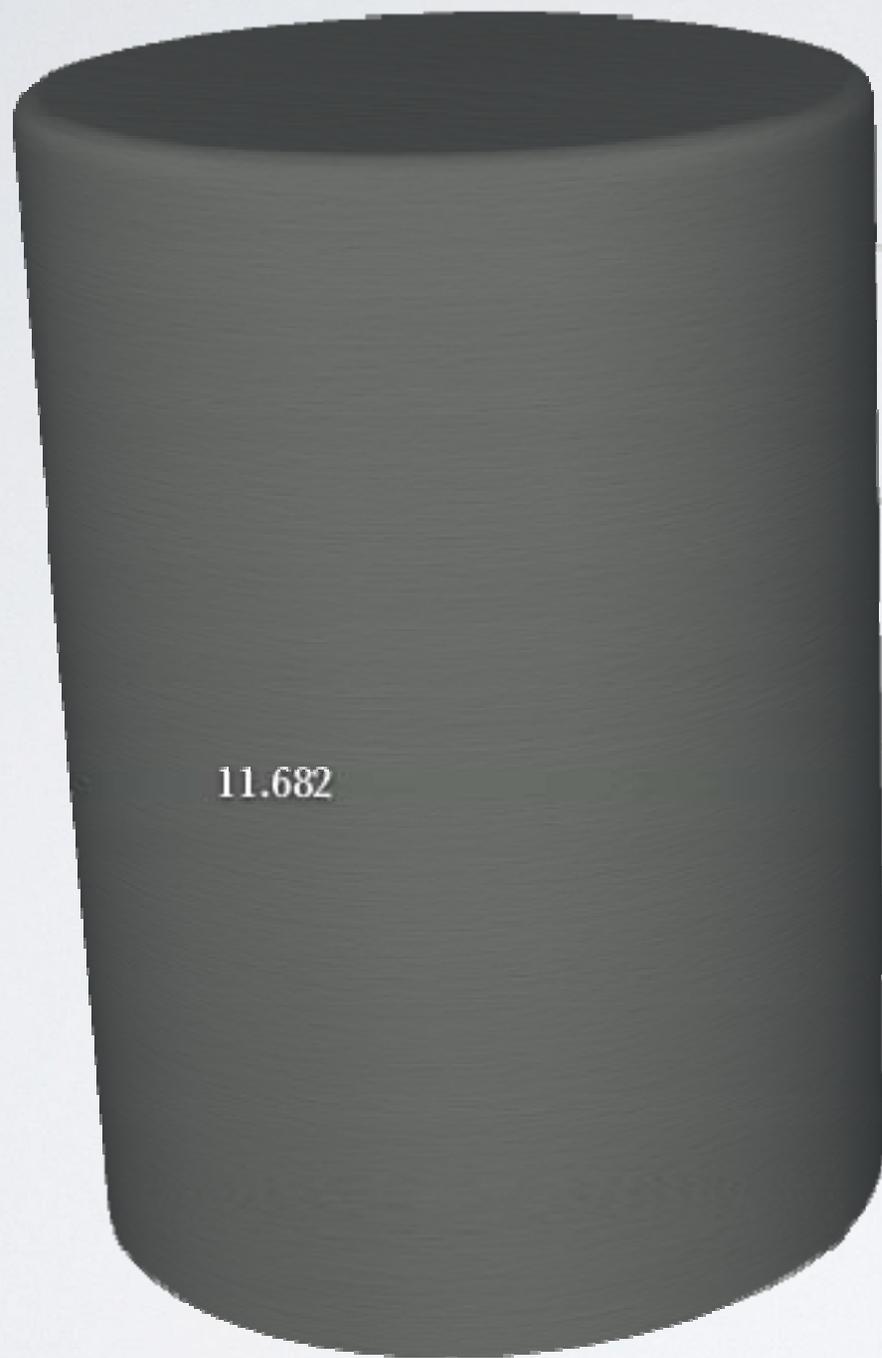
**SCHOOL FUNDING IN  
FRANKLIN: WHY THINGS  
HAVE TO CHANGE**

community. This means that a relatively lesser level of funding (for the same tax rate) is available for funding municipal and education services.

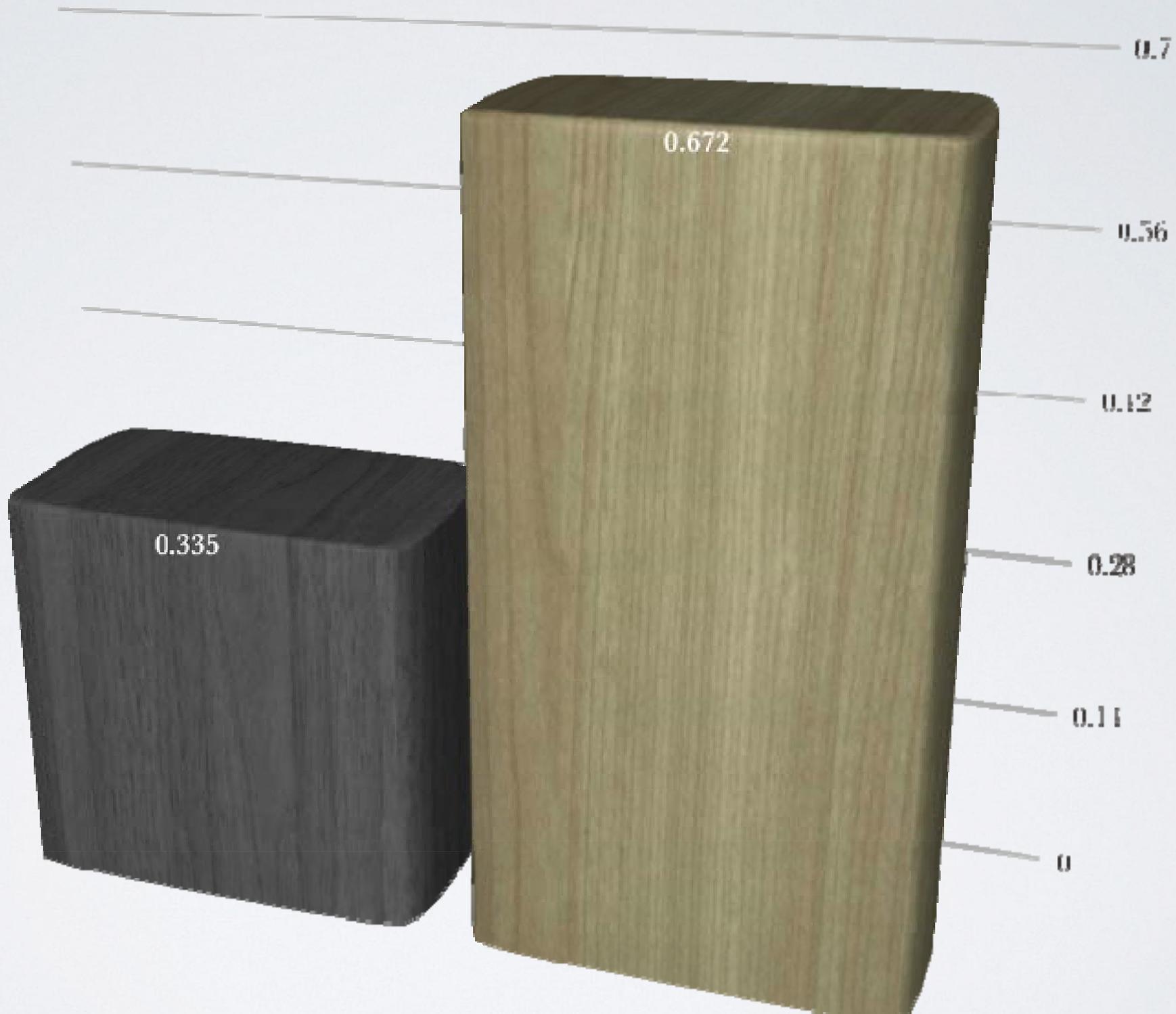
However, as the following slides point out, there is a fundamental difference to how those funding levels are proportionally allocated in Franklin, as opposed to other similarly sized communities

Franklin Schools **HAVE** been successful in getting additional funding to make up some of the difference; however, this funding, however, is typically targeted, and **illegal** (often referred to as "supplanting") for support of general operating expenses









# 2011 TOWNS/CITIES 5000-9999 TOWN OF CLAR

	Total Valuation	Town/City Portion	School Portion	State Ed Tax	County Tax	Total Tax
<b>Allenstown</b>	\$267,129,444	\$ 7.93	\$ 16.30	\$ 2.34	\$ 2.73	\$ 29.30
<b>Alton</b>	\$1,466,020,203	\$ 3.52	\$ 5.57	\$ 2.54	\$ 1.44	\$ 13.07
<b>Atkinson</b>	\$834,474,852	\$ 3.14	\$ 12.12	\$ 2.48	\$ 1.06	\$ 18.80
<b>Auburn</b>	\$604,154,891	\$ 4.08	\$ 11.30	\$ 2.48	\$ 1.08	\$ 18.94
<b>Barrington</b>	\$906,221,885	\$ 4.13	\$ 11.93	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.44	\$ 20.78
<b>Belmont</b>	\$727,724,358	\$ 7.52	\$ 10.45	\$ 2.35	\$ 1.24	\$ 21.56
<b>Bow</b>	\$1,041,877,797	\$ 5.88	\$ 15.46	\$ 2.70	\$ 3.11	\$ 27.15
<b>Conway</b>	\$1,389,429,265	\$ 4.91	\$ 8.70	\$ 2.54	\$ 1.05	\$ 17.20
<b>Epping</b>	\$618,417,200	\$ 4.54	\$ 16.34	\$ 2.36	\$ 1.03	\$ 24.27
<b>Farmington</b>	\$469,892,303	\$ 7.13	\$ 8.12	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.40	\$ 20.00
<b>Franklin</b>	\$564,121,750	\$ 10.82	\$ 5.45	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.79	\$ 21.52
<b>Gilford</b>	\$1,522,717,7	\$ 4.93	\$ 9.35	\$ 2.74	\$ 1.53	\$ 18.55

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<b>Kingston</b>	\$708,740,55	\$ 3.73	\$ 13.93	\$ 2.13	\$ 0.93	\$ 20.72
<b>Litchfield</b>	\$806,897,151	\$ 3.39	\$ 11.16	\$ 2.26	\$ 1.10	\$ 17.91
<b>Littleton</b>	\$751,748,767	\$ 6.77	\$ 10.08	\$ 2.31	\$ 1.24	\$ 20.40
<b>Loudon</b>	\$528,850,905	\$ 4.49	\$ 10.68	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.71	\$ 20.37
<b>Meredith</b>	1845422650	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.87	\$ 2.30	\$ 1.32	\$ 12.65
<b>New Boston</b>	\$532,113,627	\$ 5.73	\$ 14.16	\$ 2.45	\$ 1.17	\$ 23.51
<b>New Ipswich</b>	\$415,948,106	\$ 3.55	\$ 13.38	\$ 2.33	\$ 1.00	\$ 20.26
<b>Newmarket</b>	\$745,241,582	\$ 7.03	\$ 15.26	\$ 2.37	\$ 1.04	\$ 25.70
<b>Newport</b>	\$500,124,582	\$ 9.23	\$ 11.44	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.60	\$ 25.37
<b>Northfield</b>	\$349,874,460	\$ 5.27	\$ 9.81	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.37	\$ 19.65
<b>Pembroke</b>	\$613,130,810	\$ 5.79	\$ 15.62	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.58	\$ 26.44
<b>Peterborough</b>	\$601,242,622	\$ 8.16	\$ 14.83	\$ 3.03	\$ 1.32	\$ 27.34
<b>Plymouth</b>						\$ 0.00
<b>Rye</b>	\$1,763,314,935	\$ 3.24	\$ 3.90	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.04	\$ 10.60

# Comparison

	Total Valuation	Abs. Town/City Funding (Local)	Abs. School Funding (Local)	Proportion: School vs. Total Local
<b>Allenstown</b>	\$ 267,129,444.00	\$ 2,118,336.49	\$ 4,354,209.94	67.27%
<b>Alton</b>	\$ 1,466,020,203.00	\$ 5,160,391.11	\$ 8,165,732.53	61.28%
<b>Atkinson</b>	\$ 834,474,852.00	\$ 2,620,251.04	\$ 10,113,835.21	79.42%
<b>Auburn</b>	\$ 604,154,891.00	\$ 2,464,951.96	\$ 6,826,950.27	73.47%
<b>Barrington</b>	\$ 906,221,885.00	\$ 3,742,696.39	\$ 10,811,227.09	74.28%
<b>Belmont</b>	\$ 727,724,358.00	\$ 5,472,487.17	\$ 7,604,719.54	58.15%
<b>Bow</b>	\$ 1,041,877,797.00	\$ 6,126,241.45	\$ 16,107,430.74	72.45%
<b>Conway</b>	\$ 1,389,429,265.00	\$ 6,822,097.69	\$ 12,088,034.61	63.92%

<b>Litchfield</b>	\$ 806,897,151.00	\$ 2,735,381.34	\$ 9,004,972.21	76.70%
<b>Littleton</b>	\$ 751,748,767.00	\$ 5,089,339.15	\$ 7,577,627.57	59.82%
<b>Loudon</b>	\$ 528,850,905.00	\$ 2,374,540.56	\$ 5,648,127.67	70.40%
<b>Meredith</b>	\$ 1,845,422,650.00	\$ 7,676,958.22	\$ 8,987,208.31	53.93%
<b>New Boston</b>	\$ 532,113,627.00	\$ 3,049,011.08	\$ 7,534,728.96	71.19%
<b>New Ipswich</b>	\$ 415,948,106.00	\$ 1,476,615.78	\$ 5,565,385.66	79.03%
<b>Newmarket</b>	\$ 745,241,582.00	\$ 5,239,048.32	\$ 11,372,386.54	68.46%
<b>Newport</b>	\$ 500,124,582.00	\$ 4,616,149.89	\$ 5,721,425.22	55.35%
<b>Northfield</b>	\$ 349,874,460.00	\$ 1,843,838.40	\$ 3,432,268.45	65.05%
<b>Pembroke</b>	\$ 613,130,810.00	\$ 3,550,027.39	\$ 9,577,103.25	72.96%
<b>Peterborough</b>	\$ 601,242,622.00	\$ 4,906,139.80	\$ 8,916,428.08	64.51%
<b>Plymouth</b>		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>Rye</b>	\$ 1,763,314,935.00	\$ 5,713,140.39	\$ 6,876,928.25	54.62%
<b>Sandown</b>	\$ 594,520,700.00	\$ 2,300,795.11	\$ 8,210,330.87	78.11%
<b>Seabrook</b>		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>Stratham</b>		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>Swanzey</b>	\$ 584,690,407.00	\$ 2,894,217.51	\$ 8,624,183.50	74.87%
<b>Weare</b>	\$ 797,978,495.00	\$ 2,601,409.89	\$ 11,091,901.08	81.00%