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[school-committee] Statement for the record, 2019-09-04

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Jim Hansen [REDACTED] >

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To: school__committee@framingham.k12.ma.us

I am Jim Hansen, a citizen of District 8. I ask you to not approve a six year contract for the school superintendent tonight.

Mr Tremblay is a nice guy. He speaks well. He writes well. He is good at communicating, and has laudable goals in line with the mission statement of the public school system.

However, there is no clear reason to be rushing ahead with approving a 6 year contract tonight with scant time for public comment and discussion.

A quick look through the contract proposal shows a few objectionable items. Chief among them is the idea that any public employee, let alone one of the most highly paid ones, should get a raise of inflation plus one percent when they get a performance evaluation showing less than meeting expectations. It's laughable that we should agree to that for a full six years.

Combine that with the question of how the superintendent's performance should be evaluated. I've done quite a few performance evaluations in my career. I'm not sure I see from the proposal or other public documents how it is done other than the then current feelings of the people who would then be sitting in those chairs up there.

Please table this contract proposal, do not pass it tonight. Gather some more public input and bring back another draft at a later date.