

TSB Minutes
@ Townshend Elementary School
7:00 p.m.
10-13-08 (Draft)

Present: Kathy Hege, Jessie Bishop, David Dezendorf, Craig Hunt, Gregg Morrow, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Rebecca Holmes, Member of the Public, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Absent: Wendy Houlihan, Superintendent

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: September 22, 2008 (Special Meeting and Regular Meeting): David made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2008 (both the special meeting and the regular board meeting). No discussion, minutes were approved as written. Motion carried.

Additions and Deletions: David asked to delete the agenda item under Old Business: Ventilation fan for multi-purpose room will be brought up at the first meeting in November.

Members of the Public: Rebecca Holmes attended the meeting and asked to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. She would like to discuss grant money for Early Education and the process. Kathy asked Rebecca to bring some base information to the next meeting.

Bills and Purchase Orders: David made a motion to approve the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO #23 \$15,724.50, Payroll PO #24 \$9,837.42, Payroll PO #25 \$16,622.58, Payroll PO# 26 \$7,324.55, Payroll PO#27 \$129.29, Payroll PO#28 \$71.42. Vendor Warrant PO#29 \$161,094.29.

Kathy made a motion to go into executive session at 7:10 p.m. Executive Session ended at 7:25 p.m.

Payroll PO #28 will be held for clarification.

Discussion: Vendor Warrant PO #29 was corrected to read: \$157,640.29.
Motion carried to pay bills and purchase orders with amendment to Payroll PO #29 to read \$157,640.29.

Principal's Report: Deborah gave a comprehensive principal's report. Student Learning: Field Trips: Grades 5 and 6 were scheduled to travel to northern Vermont on a Geology tour which included camping at Mt. Philo State Park and climbing Mt. Mansfield. At the advice of the park ranger, the trip was cancelled due to the possibility of snow forecast. Grades K, 1, 2 went to

Green Mtn. Orchard to pick apples and learn about cider making. NECAP Tests: The testing window for NECAP testing is October 1-23. Bus Drills: All drills have been completed with K-6 grades. Administrative Information: Deborah and Bill Scarlett attended a conference at Kurn Hattin October 3rd. This conference focused on the damage of bullying and harassment to children as well as current intervention techniques to prevent these occurrences. Title 1 position was filled by Beth Burnham by WCSU to work full time. The new freezer has arrived and has been put to use. Playground equipment: new swings have been installed after extensive site work behind the school. This year, School Club spent out \$8,000.00 on new playground equipment. The Townshend Select board approved the use of town equipment for the site work. Attic inspection: Craig and Deborah went into the attic for an inspection to see if there was anything of value up there. They found lots of insulation, a few broken chairs and remnants of an old organ, (not an Estey).

Superintendent's Report: Wendy was not present for the meeting, thus no Superintendent's Report. Wendy did convey to Kathy that if anyone needed information or assistance with the bus committee to let her know.

Old Business: a. Tax money received from town plus Stratton tuition: Kathy asked Deborah to make sure the tuition check from Stratton is received; it should come to the school not the treasurer.

b. Ventilation fan for multipurpose room: This discussion will be delayed until the first meeting in November.

New Business: a. Animal Dissection Policy: Kathy made a motion to warn the Animal Dissection Policy: Motion seconded. A lengthy discussion took place concerning this policy. It is the intent of Townshend School District to not include as part of course curriculum the dissection of animals. This will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

b. Annual School Town Meeting format: This was a suggestion: To have a separate school portion from the town portion for Town Meeting. There was a discussion that took place regarding this issue. Kathy, Craig, Gregg and David will attend the select board meeting on October 20th.

Committee Updates:

a. Executive/Super Board: None

b. Policy: None

c. Technology-October 7, 2008 @ TES-Teachers discussed MAPS testing and was a very good meeting. The need to keep the technology up and

- running. October 9, 2008: WCSU Technology Committee: E-rate, tech plans were discussed. First Class was discussed.
- d. Bus: Craig reported that the committee is in progress and a report will be presented at the next board meeting.

Correspondence: None

Upcoming Meetings: a. Executive Committee (compensation) October 22, 2008 in Jamaica. Craig will attend this meeting.

b. WCSU Board retreat-October 29, 2008 @West River Grille-5:30 p.m.

c. WCSU Super Board meeting-December 10, 2008 in Brookline (3 members)

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: David made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder