

TSB Minutes
@ Townshend Elementary School
6:30 p.m.
2-23-09-Draft

Present: Kathy Hege, David Dezendorf, Jessie Bishop, Craig Hunt, Members of the Board, Rick Hege, Heidi Russ, Members of the Public, Judy Hawkins, Recorder, Richard Marek, Rep.

Absent: Gregg Morrow, Wendy Houlihan, Deborah Leggott

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Open discussion with Representative Marek on education funding (6:30-7:00)

Rep. Richard Marek attended the meeting to discuss what is happening in Montpelier re: school budget. He talked about the 2 vote for the budget. He doesn't see any huge initiatives this year in terms of educational funding. Kathy said biggest concern is they are going to go into town meeting next week knowing that the school board asked the town to pass a budget then in July it changes and they need more money. A lengthy discussion ensued. He talked about tax rebate checks and how that might change. Kathy mentioned that it affects the school budget how the money flows to the school from the tax rebate. Craig asked Rep. Marek to have public forums on education spending. David feels that you need local control to get the education you want.

Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2009: David made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009. Correct: Reorganization Meeting to read WCSU. Motion carried.

Additions and Deletions: Add under New Business: Kathy asked to add Townshend Newspaper.

Members of the Public: None

Bills and Purchase Orders: David made a motion to approve the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO#58 \$16,550.72, Payroll PO#59 \$5,988.60, Vendor Warrant PO#61 \$8,127.66. PO#60 is actually correcting documentation in January regarding state withholding tax. Discussion: David reported that the Reinhardt Food Service backup documentation is very confusing. There are separate checks from different places. David recommended keeping the same procedure until after town meeting and then looking at changing it. Motion carried to pay bills and purchase orders as read.

Principal's Report: Deborah was not present. Student Learning: Each classroom teacher gave a summary of what was taking place in the classrooms. Administrative Information: NECAP Test Results: Deborah attached a graph showing Townshend's results over the past four years. Kathy requested that Heidi ask Deborah to be prepared to discuss the NECAP testing results at the next meeting. This will be on the agenda. The board can't have a discussion because there is no supporting documentation.

Superintendent's Report: Wendy was not present. She did send in a report for the board. Kathy gave each board member a copy of the report. Student Learning: Student performance on the NECAP assessments will be shared with the WCSU Board of Directors at the meeting on March 25th. She mentioned that AYP has not been released from the state yet. Finance: Leland and Gray's budget was approved. Human Resources: We are in the middle of two administrative searches: one for the Associate Principal at Leland and Gray and one for Principal at Dover School. It is the hope that the process will be completed for both in early March. WCSU Meetings Upcoming: WCSU Reorganization Meeting: March 25, 6:30 Marlboro, WCSU Annual Meeting May 27 at Windham 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

- a. JISP questions-will not be brought up at a future meeting-no discussion-no questions
- b. NECAPs results-AYP (?) - have not been released. This discussion will take place at the next meeting.

New Business: Milk cooler.

The current milk cooler has stopped working. The Campaign to end Childhood Hunger has found funding to provide a new cooler for our illustrious food service program! The new cooler will be delivered on Thursday Feb. 26th from the Kittredge Company, Williston, Vt.

Townshend newspaper. Kathy wanted to point out the poem on the back page re: NECAP testing. This was done by a 5th grade student at TES.

Committee Updates:

- a. Executive/Super Board: None
- b. Policy-None
- c. Technology-WCSU Tuesday, March 17th, location TBD

Correspondence:

- a. Letter-Chair of the State Board of Education: Kathy sent the board the letter from the State Board of Education. A discussion took place.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. WCSU reorganization meeting-March 25, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m. in Marlboro
- b. WCSU annual meeting-May 27, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. in Windham

Executive Session (if needed): None

Adjourn: Kathy made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder

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