

**APPROVED MINUTES
MARLBORO SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

Action Summary:

Election of Officers:

- Chair: Doug Korb
- Vice-Chair: Celena Romo
- Clerk: David Holzapfel
- Mr. Korb, Ms. Romo and Mr. MacArthur were appointed as WCSU Representatives, and Ms. Poster was appointed as Alternate Representative for the WCSU Reorganization Meeting March 23, 2018.

Present:

Board: Douglas Korb(Chair), Celena Romo (Vice Chair), David Holzapfel (Clerk), Dan MacArthur, Lauren Poster

Administration: Bill Anton (Superintendent)

Members of the Public: Peter Barus (Recorder)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Anton at 6:04PM.

Election of Chair

Mr. Anton opened the floor to nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. MacArthur nominated Mr. Korb as Chair. Second by Ms. Poster. There were no further nominations.

All in favor, Douglas Korb was duly elected Chair for the 2018-2019 year.

Election of Vice-Chair and Clerk

The Chair opened the floor to nominations.

Mr. MacArthur nominated Ms. Romo as Vice-Chair and David Holzapfel as Clerk. There were no further nominations. It was noted that Mr. Holzapfel, not present, had given consent for his nomination.

All in Favor, Celena Romo was duly elected Vice-Chair, and David Holzapfel was duly elected Clerk.

Authorized Signatures

The five Board Members were appointed to be Authorized Signatories by **unanimous consent**.

Paper of Record

The Brattleboro *Reformer* was designated Paper of Record by **unanimous consent**.

Meeting Times/Dates

Mr.Korb moved that meetings shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 6:30 PM. Second by Ms. Poster.

There was discussion.

All in Favor.

Appointment of Truant Officer

The Windham County Sheriff was appointed Truant Officer by unanimous consent.

WCSU Policy Committee Representative

Mr. Korb nominated Ms. Poster to be WCSU Policy Committee Representative. **All in Favor.**

WCSU Board Representative

There was discussion. It was noted that alternate representatives may be appointed if need be.

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Mr. Korb, Ms. Romo and Mr. MacArthur were appointed as WCSU Representatives **by unanimous consent.**

There was discussion of further swearing-in of officers being unnecessary as all were still duly sworn. Mr. Korb moved that Ms. Poster be appointed as Alternate Representative for the WCSU Reorganization Meeting March 23, 2018. Second by Mr. Korb. **All in Favor.**

Legislative updates

Mr. MacArthur discussed a current bill, and its impact on tax rates; Marlboro is at \$1.70 and the State form says \$1.80. There was discussion. Mr. Anton explained that whichever amount the voters accepted will be the rate. There was discussion of the Title I change and the way it had been interpreted. Mr. Anton explained that the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) required all Federal funds to be reviewed, and the previous strategy for Title I was no longer available, as had been discussed well in advance. There was discussion of the formula for arriving at the tax rate. Mr. Anton discussed other districts where the position supported by the funds was retained although the voters had not been informed that the funding would become a local responsibility; States are required to show evidence for their educational strategies. There was discussion of previous Federal laws, assessment plans and measures. Mr. Anton explained that the Superintendent's responsibility is to create a local comprehensive assessment system across the SU. Mr. MacArthur suggested further discussions on strategies for formerly Title I funded programs; Mr. Korb discussed Special Education data; Ms. Romo discussed shortcomings, opportunities for growth, segmentation across the school, consistency from grade to grade, the need to research tracking data over several years; Ms. Poster noted that the Principal is hiring new staff and implementing data-collection systems. There was discussion of disparities between schools in delivery of Special Education. Mr. Anton cited examples of the SU sharing costs of programs that one district may choose not to implement. There was discussion of what constitutes accommodation: developing capacity in classroom teachers to include Special Education versus hiring paraeducators. Mr. Korb discussed the State's reducing staff-to-student ratios. Ms. Romo discussed teachers being trained in tiered intervention and encouraging teachers to participate in Professional Development programs. Mr. Anton discussed the Common Assessment Environment, seven minutes three times a year, a "dipstick" monitoring the entire system; he noted a global decision by Vermont to be strategic, *e.g.*, hire a reading specialist instead of two para-educators, etc. He explained that the focus is on the service needed, not the people. Mr. MacArthur suggested budgeting for the anticipated Census Model. Mr. Anton suggested prevention saves money, noting that 74% of Special Education is reading, indicating that this is fertile ground, combining the art that happens locally with the global application of science.

Adjournment

Mr. Korb moved to Adjourn. Second by Ms. Romo. **All in Favor.**
The meeting Adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, March 22, 2018