

School Board Meeting 3/12/12 Approved

Attending: Jen Carr, Gussie Bartlett, Will Brooke-deBock, Steven John – WCSU Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Steven John at 5:05pm.

Reorganization of the Board:

- Jen Carr was unanimously elected Chair
- Gussie Bartlett was unanimously elected Vice-Chair
- Will Brooke-deBock was unanimously elected Clerk
- Linda Peters was unanimously elected Clerk
- Jen Carr is WCSU Executive Committee designee (by law) with Gussie Bartlett as alternate
- Gussie Bartlett was unanimously elected as representative to WCSU Policy Committee
- The Brattleboro Reformer is designated the Paper of Record (unanimously)
- The Windham County Sheriff is designated as Truant Officer
- Regular meeting is designated as the first Monday of every month at 6PM ET at MES

The Board approved the minutes of the 2/6/2012 meeting.

Steven John presented his Superintendent's report.

Steven John left the meeting at 6:10pm ET

Jen Carr made a motion to be exempt from participating in a State or Federal Breakfast or Lunch Program. Gussie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The board signed off on the Auditor's Report from Medgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.

The School Board had a discussion about how to transition to the new board and planning for the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Will Brooke-deBock

Upcoming Meetings:
April 2th, Regular Board Meeting 6pm

Pay Orders:	#17	2/10/12	\$61,815.65
	#18	2/24/12	\$138,496.05
	#19	3/09/12	\$128,360.12

Our Guiding Principles:

Students will be at the center of our decision-making. We will keep to the agenda. The chair will estimate the amount of time necessary for each item and act as timekeeper during the meeting. Every voice is heard as discussion goes back and forth. Decisions will not be made hastily.

We will ask ourselves, "What other information do we need in order to make a thoughtful decision?" Decisions/discussion will be recapped before moving on to a new item. Items requiring action will be identified and we will note who is responsible for each action item. Follow through will occur before the next meeting. We will use e-mail judiciously to communicate between meetings.

Implementation Guidelines:

Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month with the fourth Monday kept in reserve, if an additional meeting is needed. The chair will send out the agenda the Thursday before the meeting. The meetings will start at 6 pm and go no later than 9 pm.

Superintendent's Report for the Marlboro School Board

Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

Note: I need to convene Townshend's Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Student/Staff Learning

1. On March 7, all principals, Abby, Matt, Sam, Laurie and I attended a Common Core information/Q&A meeting at the NewsBank Center in Chester. The SE VT Superintendents' Association sponsored this conference to enable all administrators in our region to collaborate on the implementation of the Common Core Standards and SBAC (replacing NECAP in 2014).
2. As we look forward to next year, I have submitted my Superintendent's Self-Evaluation form to Emily Long as required by the annual WCSU Superintendent Evaluation Process.
3. Tomorrow, the ATM will continue developing the format for a WCSU "school report card" that includes student performance outcomes on NECAPs, MAPs, attendance and other indicators as directed by the boards.
4. The WCSU Professional Development Team (including the ATM) also meets tomorrow to gauge the extent and effect of our in-service and GLAM time this year. This group will recommend a plan for continuing the Balanced Literacy work for FY13.

Policy/Regulation

1. E11 and E12 are still under your consideration.
2. All mandatory policies are properly adopted and in effect by your Board, the oldest are D10 in 1979, E08 in 1996, F13 in 1986, G07 in 1991, G06 in 1979. I recommend reviewing your oldest policies, a few at each meeting as we move forward.
3. You may want to review the "Board Code of Conduct" with any new board members. This is an administrative procedure (B03-R) related to your B03: Board Member Conflict of Interest adopted 6/28/08. I'll attach a copy of NewBrook's for reference.
4. The complete text of all adopted board policies now appear on line for LGUHS #34 and the NewBrook Joint Contract Board. We are working on a table of contents to facilitate searching for a specific topic. My office (Alison, Sam and Matt) will continue to work on this project until we have the policies for all eleven boards posted for public access via the WCSU and school web sites.
5. The legislature bears watching as a number of significant education bills are being debated this session. I refer you to the latest VSBA Legislative Brief - 2/28/12, emailed directly to all school boards recently. Your opinions can have a constructive influence on our legislative representatives.
6. On March 9, I attended a VSA Meeting on pending legislation in Montpelier. I emailed my notes earlier and call your attention to S194, S440, S121, S233, and S201.
7. The next RED Committee Meeting on March 21 should provide a clearer indication of what we may expect from this study. It appears likely the legislature will adopt H753 intended to improve this process (Act 153).

Finance/Accounting/Operations

1. All school budgets in the WCSU were approved for FY13. Statewide only seven proposed school budgets were defeated this year. The average increase statewide is 2.9%.
2. Frank has documented the "WCSU Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Administrative Procedures for School Districts". See attached to this email.
3. Following two lengthy mediation sessions on January 31 and February 16, the WCEA and WCSU Bargaining Teams agreed to proceed to "Fact Finding".

Enrollment/Staffing

1. See the RED Study Committee "Resources" on the WCSU website for student enrollment projections in the five LGUHS #34 towns. Wardsboro, Dover and Marlboro all expect to hold pretty steady.

2. The Dover School District Annual Meeting approved paying the full tuition for Burr and Burton students (\$14450). This will likely reduce the number of Dover students who choose to attend L&G in the future.

Calendar Dates

1. WCEA negotiations will next continue with a Fact Finding Panel, the date and time TBD.
2. The Voluntary RED Study Committee will meet Wed., March 21, at 7:00 P.M. in L&G's Library.
3. The WCSU Board Meeting will be Wed., March 28, 7:00 P.M. at Townshend for their annual organizational meeting and election of officers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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