

Superintendent's Report for the Wardsboro School Board

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Student/Staff Learning

1. My compliments to the Wardsboro students and staff for a fine start to the school year despite all odds. A big thank you to the road crews and all who made it possible.
2. MAP assessments concluded last Friday, Sept. 30, for all students (except Marlboro).
3. Last spring's NECAP Science results have just been released by the state. Rosemary will report to the greatest extent possible without identifying any students.
4. As planned Wardsboro held classes and sent Mrs. P-J to attend the SE Vermont Regional In-Service at Bellows Falls High School last Wednesday, Sept. 28. A panel of teachers and principals from five area schools (including Dover) shared the successful initiatives they implemented to improve student learning based on the research in *Roots of Success*. This document highlights eight elements common to the most effective schools in Vermont. See the *Roots of Success* summary previously shared and attached again FYI. I suggest that this document may point to specific goals and means the board may want to establish to direct future planning and budget development.

Policy/Regulation

1. A check of my records indicate that F20: Harassment of Students and F25.1: Truancy were warned on 11/5/07 and 11/2/10 respectively. If you adopted these policies, please let me know the date(s) of your vote. (Perhaps I missed something.)
2. Consider policies E11: Fraud Prevention and E12: Banking and Investment.
3. I will share a recent explanation from the DOE regarding the allocation of Title I funds within a supervisory union. This clarification responded to an inquiry from the Dover School Board.
4. The RED Study Committee sent a letter of invitation to your board.

Finance/Accounting/Operations

1. We held a bargaining session with the WCEA last Wednesday, Sept. 26 at L&G. As Rick Jones was unable to attend, I can brief the board in executive session.
2. The WCSU audit will be completed in early October. The Newfane, L&G, and Winhall school districts are also being audited.

Enrollment/Staffing

1. Jenn Chapin, Admin. Assistant for Special Education, resigned to accept her "dream job" in Houston. We are taking temporary measures to complete Jenn's work on short notice. We advertised this opening and Abby Dillon will lead the selection committee and process to recommend the best candidate for me to hire.
2. The relocation of office spaces at the WCSU building is now complete. Moving

always provides a good opportunity to weed old files. We shredded nine boxes of confidential documents that are no longer required by law.

Informational Items

1. The Voluntary RED Study Committee Meeting will be Oct. 5, 7 P.M. at L&G Library. On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the committee's VSBA Consultant, John Everitt, plans to visit the four elementary schools represented. The date for the committee's November meeting is the 2nd.
2. The WCSU Negotiating Team meets Wed., October 19 at L&G, 5:00 P.M. to prepare for a bargaining session at 6:00 P.M.
3. The VSBA/VSA fall conference is October 20-21. I will attend and urge you to consider this opportunity.
4. On October 26, the WCSU Board Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 P.M. prior to the full board meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Jamaica Village School.

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