

***WINDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES FOR 3/10/2016***

Present: Mickey Parker-Jennings, Carolyn Partridge, BJ Davis, Antje Ruppert, Gail Wyman, Kathy & Kord Scott

Convene: 9:03 am by Mickey Parker-Jennings

Board Reorganization:

Carolyn P. - Chair

Antje R. - Vice Chair

BJ D. - Clerk

Authorized signature: all members

Paper of record: Brattleboro Reformer

Meeting times/dates: 1st Monday of the month at 4pm unless otherwise warned.

Truancy: Windham Sheriff

WCSU Policy Committee meeting: BJ D.

WCSU voting representatives: all members

Designated posts of warning: School, Town Office, Meeting House

Act 46 election: Antje R. moves to form a local Act 46 Study Group to study an alternative governance structure, BJ D. 2nd. This group would include all three board members and any community member willing to participate.

An alternative structure requires a minimum of 4 towns. Carolyn P. already spoke with the principal of Marlboro, a former Board member of Wardsboro, and Rich Werner, chair of the Dover Board. All of these districts are interested in a conversation with WES. This approach would allow us to keep our local boards, have our own budgets, and we would continue to cooperate with the WCSU. To qualify for such a structure, we will have to gather evidence on how we can better meet the goals of Act 46. This will include a census of the 0-5-year-olds in Windham (Kathy will look into this), a 10-year review of the standardized test scores (Mickey and Gail will look into this), and potentially a survey similar to the one conducted in Peacham, VT.

Antje R. suggests to also perform a side study on a reduction of supervisory unions in Vermont.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2017, at 4 pm

Adjourn: 5:40 pm