

***WINDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES FOR 10/6/2014***

Present: Steven John, Mickey Parker-Jennings, Carolyn Partridge, Beth McDonald, Antje Ruppert, Gail Wyman, Peter Chamberlain, Nancy and Jerry Dyke

Call to Order: 4:02pm

Minutes: Beth M. moves to approve the minutes for the September 2014 meeting, Carolyn P. 2nd

Bills and Pay Orders: Antje R. moves to approve pay orders 15-20, Carolyn P. 2nd.

Members of the Public: Jerry Dyke asks whether the Board has considered participating in the discussion with the Jamaica and Townshend Boards regarding the construction of a new elementary school? The Boards responds that there are cost concerns and that our school building is in good shape at this time. The Board may consider joining such a unified school at some time in the future should any changes arise.

Peter Chamberlain informs the Board that he will propose to the Select Board to pay half of the mowing costs (about \$250/month).

Principal's Report: see attachment.

Superintendent's Report: Steven J. shares information material about the student-teacher ratios in the WCSU and the general fund balance of all schools in the district including the SU. Extremely high special education costs have led several towns to exceed their budget. Steven J. also presents a motion made by the Marlboro School Board at the WCSU Board meeting on September 24, 2014, to distribute special education costs across all districts of the WCSU.

The cost overrun in Windham may be based on outstanding transportation revenues.

Old Business: Reviewing and updating policies:

D6 Substitute Teachers - Beth M. moves that the WES Board is satisfied with policy D6 as written and that it continue. Carolyn P. 2nd.

D7 Volunteers and Work Study Students - Beth M. moves that the WES Board is satisfied with policy D7 as written and that it continue. Carolyn P. 2nd.

D8 Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace - Beth M. moves that the WES Board is satisfied with policy D7 as written and that it continue. Carolyn P. 2nd.

B3 Conflict of Interest - Beth M. moves that the WES Board is satisfied with policy B3 as written and that it continue. Carolyn P. 2nd.

Beth M. moves to warn the following policies for review at the November meeting. Carolyn P. 2nd:

D12 - Employee Harassment

G11 - Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources & The Internet

G12 - Title I Comparability Policy

F19 - Limited English Proficiency Students
F20 - Policy of Prevention of Harassment of Students
F23 - Participation of Home Study Students

Bus update: Carolyn P. spoke with Reeds and Cota & Cota about tires. The mirror defogger needs to be replaced. Tires will be inspected.

New Business: Steven J. asks if the WES Board would like to join the Collective Bargaining Counsel regarding the professional and paraprofessional staff? Beth M. moves to decline the invitation. Carolyn P. 2nd.

Next Meeting: Nov. 10, 2014, at 4pm

Adjourn: 5:47pm.