

***WINDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES FOR 8/20/2012***

Present: Steven John, John Doty, Carolyn Partridge, Beth McDonald, Antje Ruppert, Lars Pederson, Gail Wyman, Ernie Friedli, Kathy Scott, Mary Boyer, Nancy and Jerry Dyke

Call to Order: 9:02am

Minutes: Beth M. moves to approve the minutes for July, 2nd by Carolyn P.

Bills and Pay Orders: Antje R. moves to approve pay orders 69 and 1 to 7, 2nd by Carolyn P.

Members of the Public: Lively discussion about the WES board's decision to withdraw from the RED study in July.

Ernie: quality of education or financial issue? Efficiency of schools – larger schools perhaps better schools.

Nancy: a lot of confusion in RED study group. Why was there not more information for the public? Lack of transparency.

Kathy: preemptive decision. Children need roots and should not be sent away from their community. Some mergers in NJ ended up costing more.

WES board's guiding principle: no authority other than the voters of the town of Windham can close our school.

Steven John: No doubt, the WES students' results are exceptional. No one size fits every kid.

Mary: went to the August RED study group meeting. There was no better way to keep the public better informed.

Principal's Report: Enrollment to be determined on the first day of school. Customer Complaint policy required in case of water issues. Repayment of the WES RFI-207 WPL-131 loan (\$27,000)

Superintendent's Report: see attachment.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Bus route discussion

Executive Session: 10:50 – 10:54 Antje R. moves to approve Superintendent's plan for Windham school principal duties including budget (\$5950), 2nd by Beth M.

Next Meeting: Sept. 10, 2012, at 4pm, followed by an informational meeting for the public about the RED study.

Adjourn: 11:00am