

## **Superintendent's Report for the Windham School Board**

**Monday, January 9, 2012 at 12:00 P.M.**

### **Student/Staff Learning**

1. At the grade 5-6 GLAM last month, I responded to questions about the transition to the Common Core Standards focusing on mathematics. These standards not only increase the expectation for higher levels of mathematical understanding at earlier grades, but also require teachers to expand their repertoire of instructional techniques. Mickey P-J represents Windham at these 5-6 meetings and contributes invaluable to their collaborative work.
2. With the exception of Dover, all elementary teachers will attend professional development at Townshend for January 17 and 18. The L&G Board approved my recommendation to change the semester break to make up for our late start this fall. L&G classes will be held January 17 and 18, but school will close for in-service on Monday, January 23.

### **Policy/Regulation**

1. Consider adopting policies E11: Fraud Prevention and E12: Banking and Investment as warned 11/7/11.
2. The WCSU Board adopted E11 on December 7, 2011. Ten of eleven district boards were represented with 21 voting members present at that meeting – and impressive turnout. The proposed WCSU Superintendent's Budget for FY13 was approved by unanimous vote. My administration appreciates the Board's direction and support.
3. The VT Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) adopted new standards for administrators to parallel those adopted for teachers last June. These new standards are closely linked to the Common Core and are more student centered and outcomes based.
4. The Voluntary RED Committee met January 4. Antje, Beth and John may report.

### **Finance/Accounting/Operations**

1. Bargaining with the WCEA continues with an all day mediation session on Jan. 31.
2. Funding for the EEE Program in FY13 was approved as part of the Superintendent's Budget. In March, the WCSU Board intends to debate the method of allocating EEE expenses for FY14.
3. The boards for L&G, Townshend, and NewBrook have approved proposed FY13 budgets to be warned for their annual meetings.

### **Enrollment/Staffing**

1. A number of schools have added new students recently. This is a promising development, but L&G's enrollment is still projected to decline from 390 to 370 over the next three years.
2. The "budget season" always reminds us of the importance of a school's equalized pupil count and the town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) on the projected school tax rate necessary to provide for our students' education.

## Calendar Dates

1. The Voluntary RED Study Committee Meeting will meet Wed., Feb. 1, at 7:00 P.M. in L&G's Library. The Committee will also meet March 21 (not on the usual first Wed. of the month).
2. The next 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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