

Superintendent's Report for the Winhall School Board

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

Note: I will convene your meeting to elect a Chairperson. I must leave you in time to do the same for the Jamaica Board at 7:00.

Student/Staff Learning

1. On March 7 all principals and I attended an information/Q&A meeting at the NewsBank Center in Chester. The SE VT Superintendents' Association sponsored this conference to enable all administrators in our region to collaborate on the implementation of the Common Core Standards and SBAC (replacing NECAP in 2014). The second session will be April 11.
2. Looking forward to next year, I have submitted my Superintendent's Self-Evaluation form to Emily Long as required by the annual WCSU Superintendent Evaluation Process.
3. On March 12, the ATM continued developing the format for a WCSU "school report card" that includes student performance outcomes on NECAPs, MAPs, attendance and other indicators as directed by the WCSU's operational boards.
4. Abby thanked and complimented Bill and a group of Dover teachers for their presentation to the most recent meeting of Special Education Directors. Abby reported to the ATM that Dover's message for inclusive education for all student had a positive and inspiring effect on her colleagues in other supervisory unions.
5. Sage Hall, a student at NewBrook, competed in this event and placed 9th out of 35 contestants statewide. Congratulations Sage! **MONTPELIER** – The Vermont Department of Education, Vermont Principals' Association, Vermont Humanities Council and Burlington Free Press will host a statewide individual spelling bee for Vermont students on Wednesday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the McCarthy Arts Center at St. Michael's College in Colchester.

Policy/Regulation

1. I understand that your annual meeting approved joining Bennington-Rutland South Supervisory Union beginning in FY14. I will assist you with this initiative in anyway I can.
2. You warned policy E11: Banking and Investment on 10/18/11 and I understand you wish to pass over this policy (not adopt it). This being true, Winhall has adopted all policies required by law. I recommend that you review your oldest policies from 1995, 1999, and 2000, a few at each meeting for possible revision.
3. A few Winhall policies are posted on the WCSU Board website. The complete text of all adopted board policies now appear on line for LGUHS #34 and the Brookline-Newfane Joint Contract Board. We will continue to work on posting all warned (under consideration) and adopted policies for each school district on line.
4. You may want to review the "Board Code of Conduct" with any new board members. This is an administrative procedure (B03-R) related to your B03: Board Member Conflict of Interest policy adopted by Winhall on 2/25/10. I'll attach a copy of B03-R that your board signed on 11/15/11. You may revise this copy to include the proper

- board member names and signature lines if necessary.
5. The legislature bears watching as a number of significant education bills are being debated in the closing months of this session. I refer you to the latest VSBA Legislative Brief - 2/28/12, emailed directly to all school boards. Your opinions can have a constructive influence on our legislative representatives.
 6. I attended a VSA meeting on pending legislation in Montpelier on Friday, March 9. I will share my notes and call your attention to S194, S440, S121, S233, and S201.
 7. The next RED Committee Meeting on March 21 should provide a clearer indication of what we may expect from this study. It appears likely the legislature will adopt H753 intended to improve this process (Act 153).

Finance/Accounting/Operations

1. All school district budgets in the WCSU were approved for FY13. Statewide only seven proposed school budgets were defeated this year. The average increase statewide is 2.9%.
2. Frank has documented the “WCSU Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Administrative Procedures for School Districts”. I will attach a copy of this document for your reference.

Enrollment/Staffing

1. See the RED Study Committee “Resources” on the WCSU website for student enrollment projections in the five LGUHS #34 member towns. Wardsboro, Dover, and Marlboro all expect to hold pretty steady in the near future.
2. Winhall is the only town in the WCSU that continues to show significant increases in student population.
3. The Dover School District Annual Meeting approved paying the full tuition for students attending Burr and Burton (\$14450). This will likely reduce the number of Dover students who choose to attend L&G.

Informational Items

1. The Voluntary RED Study Committee will meet Wed., March 21, at 7:00 P.M. in L&G’s Library.
2. The WCSU Board Meeting will be Wed., March 28, 7:00 P.M. at Townshend School for their annual organizational meeting and election of officers and the superintendent’s evaluation. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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