

**Superintendent’s Report for the Winhall School Board**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.**

Note: I must leave you to meet with the Jamaica Board at 7:00.

**Student/Staff Learning**

1. The L&G Jazz Concert and Art Show on June 1 were great. I enjoyed singing with the A Cappella Singers. Elementary students attended a preview concert at noon.
2. All eight schools in the WCSU have been selected to participate in the 2013 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP). All 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be tested on either reading for mathematics. The testing window for NAEP is January 28 to March 8, 2013.
3. Susan Francy (Wardsboro) and Owen White (Townshend) were honored at the NELMS/VAMLE Scholar Leaders Banquet last Wednesday evening at Norwich University. Their parents, Dr. Dorfman, Ms. Zwolinski, and I were able to join them for this special recognition by Commissioner Vilaseca. Congratulations Susie and Owen!
4. The latest report from the DOE regarding WCSU Special Education is favorable. We used to be a “high” spending SU. My compliments to Abby Dillon and all staff working with our students with special needs.

% of K-12 IEP Spec. Ed. Count/K-12 Resident ADM	FY2011 K-12 Special Education Formula Cost/ Resident ADM	% over/under Statewide Avg. Spec. Ed. Cost per ADM
14.9%	2,668.03	-2.31%

**Policy/Regulation**

1. Congratulations on securing the State Board of Education’s approval for your move to Bennington Rutland South Supervisory Union. Dan French and I will work closely to insure a smooth transition for Winhall.
2. I recommend that you review your policies that were adopted more than five years ago. These include:

E09	HIV AIDS	5/18/00	mandatory
F02	Bus Discipline	8/17/99	recommended
F05	Student Records	8/24/95	NA ?
F21	Firearms & Weapons	5/18/00	mandatory

3. Let me know when and you want to proceed with this policy review. Once completed you should be in good shape until you transfer to the BRSSU in FY14.
4. I anticipate every school board will need to review and revise their harassment, bullying and hazing policies. We will hold off on these considerations until the DOE and/or VSBA provide model language to comply with the latest Vermont law requiring a separate policy for each of these misbehaviors.

**WCSU will** ...place students at the center of our decision-making.  
 ...build trust and respect by acting ethically, transparently, and with integrity.  
 ...operate as a community of learners, committed to developing the skills and capabilities of all.  
 ...collaborate, share and seek creative solutions.

5. By a letter dated May 29, 2012, the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC) informed us of the Commission's decision to continue Leland and Gray's accreditation. My compliments to Dr. Dorfman, her faculty and staff for this recognition.
6. On May 23, the WCSU Board voted to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Executive Committee will follow-up with me.
7. On June 6, the WCSU Voluntary RED Committee approved Articles of Agreement to create a K-12 Regional Education District (RED) and invites all six boards potentially affected by this RED to review their work. A meeting will be warned for all six boards including L&G's for Wed., July 25, 7 P.M. at L&G.

## **Finance/Accounting/Operations**

1. Frank has submitted the required FY13 budget reports to the DOE for all WCSU school districts.
2. The WCSU Board approved the Auditor's Report for FY11 on May 23.
3. Contracts for the WCSU administrative staff were offered on Friday, May 25. I expect all my staff to continue next year.

## **Enrollment/Staffing**

1. The L&G Board appointed Mary Davis to teach science for the 2012-2013 SY replacing Ms. LaBarre whose request for leave next year was approved by the Board last month. The board also appointed Tom Walters to replace Robert Zimmerman as high school band director and part time music teacher. Dr. Dorfman and I are excited about the new energy these teachers will bring to our students.
2. Mr. Marty Testo will begin his duties as Director of Athletics and Student Activities beginning July 1.

## **Informational Items**

1. The Voluntary RED Study Committee will meet Wed., July 25, at 7:00 P.M. in L&G's Library. The Committee will present the Articles of Agreement to the six boards affected by this proposal to establish a R.E.D. The Committee welcomes your questions, comments and suggestions regarding their work.
2. The WCSU Board's Summer Retreat will be Wed., August 22 at 5:00 P.M. at Bootsy's Grill in Townshend (Route 30 south).
3. The VT School Boards Association (VSBA) Regional Meeting will be October 15 at L&G – time TBA. This meeting usually includes a light dinner.
4. The Annual VSBA/VSA Conference will be at Lake Morey, Oct. 25-26, 2012. All board members are encouraged to attend.

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