

Waitsfield School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2010
6:00 p.m. Waitsfield School Library

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Cadwell, Wrenn Compère, Sandy Tarburton, Todd White, and Rob Williams (Chair)

WWSU and WES staff present: Kaiya Korb and Brigid Scheffert

Community Members present: Amy Jamieson and Helen Kellogg

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rob Williams at 6:07 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: Sandy Tarburton motioned to approve the December 14, 2009 minutes. Wrenn Compère seconded, and the Board unanimously approved.

III. Discussion

A. Kaiya Korb discussed the School Board's role in Town Meeting and offered to prepare a draft version of WES "statistics and highlights" for inclusion in the Town Report. Ideas were shared regarding what might be covered. Kaiya will consider the feedback, prepare the document, and present it to the Board for consideration. Sandy Tarburton specifically requested that the helpful tax calculation and pupil spending worksheet be distributed to parents at Town Meeting. Kaiya mentioned that she would also like to include the Capital Improvement Plan worksheet to help ensure transparency in spending. Kaiya will check with the teachers and the PTA to determine if a "pie party" will follow lunch and to ensure that childcare will be provided to parents wishing to attend the meeting.

IV. Action Items

A. Budget: Michelle Baker presented the latest Draft of the 2011 Budget. There were no changes made other than the revisions requested at the December Board meeting. Sandy Tarburton motioned to approve the Budget for 2011 as presented, with total expenditures set at \$2,115,826. Todd White seconded, and all approved.

B. Tuition: It is required by the State that the Board establish tuition rates for the 2010-2011 school year. Wrenn Compère motioned to set the 2010-2011 tuition rates at \$6,300 for Kindergarten students and \$10,500 for students in 1st through 6th grades. Sandy Tarburton seconded, and all approved.

C. Policy F26 (Eighteen Year Old Students): Sandy Tarburton motioned to rescind Policy F26. Elizabeth Cadwell seconded, and all approved. (This policy is not relevant to WES.)

D. Policy F25 (Interscholastic Sports): Wrenn Compère motioned to rescind Policy F25. Todd White seconded, and all approved. (This policy is not relevant to WES.)

E. First Reading of Policy D10 (Public Complaints about Personnel): It was requested that a few changes be made to the wording. These revisions will be presented at the next meeting.

F. First Reading of Policy D12 (Harassment): It was requested that a few changes be made to the wording. These revisions will be presented at the next meeting.

G. First Reading of Policy E7 (School Crisis Prevention): It was requested that a few changes be made to the wording. These revisions will be presented at the next meeting.

V. Reports

A. Financial Report: The financial reports for WES were distributed and explained.

B. Principal's Report:

- Principal Korb reported on various ongoing efforts at the school. She also requested permission to replace 5 computers. Todd White motioned to approve her request to use up to \$4,500 from the Reserve Fund to replace 5 computers with nearly new refurbished Macs. Wrenn Compère seconded the motion, and all approved.

- Principal Korb also reported that the Action Planning process will soon move to the next steps. State test results will be available toward the end of January, which will be helpful in guiding the work.

- The second half of the HINI Flu Clinic took place on January 11th. Kaiya will follow-up with some feedback to the Department of Health, and Rob Williams asked that we have a debriefing of the whole experience later in the year when time allows.

C. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Scheffert responded to feedback pertaining to the "State of the Union" report offered in December. Sandy Tarburton requested that there be a link on the WES Website connecting interested persons with a digital copy of this report, as it explains in considerable detail what is happening at the Supervisory level.

VI. Executive Session

Wrenn Compère motioned to enter Executive Session at approximately 8:35 pm to discuss personnel. Rob Williams seconded the motion, and all unanimously agreed. Attending Administrators were invited to remain. The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 8:45 pm.

VII. Post-Executive Session

A. Sandy Tarburton motioned to direct Kaiya Korb to respond to the counter-retirement proposal as discussed. Rob Williams seconded the motion, and all approved.

VIII. Adjournment

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at the Waitsfield Elementary School.

Rob Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Elizabeth Cadwell seconded, and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Cadwell
Clerk