

Waitsfield Elementary School
WAITSFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
February 18, 2013, 7PM , Waitsfield Elementary School Library
Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present: Scott Kingsbury, Eve Frankel, Todd White, Helen Kellogg

WES and WWSU Members: Kaiya Korb, Jeremy Hill

Community Members: Allison Champin, Jennifer Stella

CALL TO ORDER

Todd White, serving as facilitator, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTES

The January 21, 2013 minutes will be approved at the following board meeting in anticipation of a quorum of attendees from that meeting.

DISCUSSION

Audience and Written Communication:

Jennifer Stella spoke on behalf of the Vermont Coalition for Vaccine Choice. The state is moving toward requiring 95% participation on vaccinations. Bills on the state's agenda (H114 and S102) would potentially require pertussis vaccination and remove all exemptions with the exception of medical.. The focus of VCVC's campaign is protecting informed consent. Eve Frankel encouraged Jennifer to bring her information to the WWSU executive committee as it develops.

Review Draft Policies In Policy Packet #3: The board will review these prior to the following meeting.

- E1 Fiscal Management and General Financial Accountability
- E2 Budgeting
- E3 Financial Reports and Statements
- E4 Risk Management
- E5 Emergency Closings
- E6 Safety and Security of School Facilities
- E7-R School Crisis Prevention and Response
- E8-R Tobacco Prohibition
- E9 Comprehensive HIV Policy for Schools Pre-K -12
- E10 Energy Management
- F1-R Student Conduct and Discipline
- F3 Search, Seizure, and Interrogation of Students By School Personnel
- F4 Searches, seizures, and Interrogation of Students By Law Enforcement Or Other Non-School Personnel
- F5R Education Records

- F6 Student Medication
- F7-R Student Alcohol and Drugs
- F9-R Transportation
- F16 Tuition Payment

Policy E13-Video and Audio Recording on School Buses: The board discussed the need for more oversight on the buses and the policy drafted by the executive committee. Administrators are spending significant hours investigating incidents related to the bus. Our new bus contract enables videotaping of buses without additional cost. The taping would be on at all times but the content of those tapes would be reviewed only in the event of a concern or incident. The tapes would only be reviewed by administrators. Scott Kingsbury raised concerns about the limited access to the tapes due to laws protecting privacy. Final edits and recommendations regarding this policy are due at the next meeting.

Check In On Board Goals/Community Connection: Outreach on the town meeting, budget and general updates via the newsletter are increasing. Kaiya suggested the board touch base within the community to gauge understanding of the work being done by the board. Jeremy noted that the faculty appreciates the outreach that has occurred.

Preparation For Town Meeting (review articles): Kaiya reviewed the PowerPoint presentation and the articles to be led by each board member. The board provided input on the content and flow. Articles will be initiated by the board as follows:

Article 1: electing a moderator - TODD

Article 2: hearing and acting upon the reports of the school - HELEN

Article 3: Setting the salaries for the officers of the district - SCOTT

Article 4: Authorizing the school directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue - Eve

Article 5: Budget - TODD

REPORTS

Financial Report: to be presented at the following meeting, pending updated information. We anticipate a very limited fund balance at the end of this year.

Principal's Report: NECAP scores were released last week and analysis is underway. We have seen growth in writing scores, although it is difficult to assess growth from just one year to the next as only one class (5th grade) is assessed and the size and skills of this particular group can be quite variable. The scores, which continue to be above state averages, do still leave room for growth. The staff is encouraged, however, by the consistent improvements made from year to year for children in our school; our students generally show more than a year's worth of growth each year.

There are two positions currently being advertised for 2013/2014 (French and kindergarten) and a board member has been identified to serve on each committee. All board members are invited to participate in the 2nd round of interviews.

Washington West Representative Report: our WWSU reorganization meeting will be on March 25th at 5 pm followed by part 2 on the standards in change presentation at 7 pm. The policy work continues, with emphasis on tuition, to be discussed at the following meeting.

Superintendent's report: Brigid was not present but shared a report prior to the meeting with a general update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Todd White made a motion to go into executive session on a matter of personnel at 9:04 pm and invited Kaiya to stay. The board came out of executive session at 9:34 pm. No action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kellogg
Clerk and Secretary