

WAITSFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2011, 6 p.m.
Waitsfield Elementary School

Board Members Present: Eve Frankel, Rob Williams, Todd White, Scott Kingsbury joined us at 7:05

WWSU and WES Staff Present: Kaiya Korb, Curriculum Director Sheila Rivers

Members of the Public Present: Liza Walker, Laura Brines, Autumn Foushee

Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes: Eve Frankel motioned to approve minutes from October 25th and Scott seconded. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

Reports:

- **Financials:** WES saw an increase in spending with contracted services through Washington County Mental Health, as reflected in the financial overview. Overall, we are anticipating a fund balance for the year, however.
- **Principal's Report:** The PTA led another successful Ski and Skate Sale; kudos to the team. The lighting and playground projects are moving forward. In addition to parent conferences and report cards, faculty are beginning to work on the goals laid out in the action plan reviewed last month.
- **WWSU Report:** Central office will be moving to Mad River Park at the end of June. Individual board reps will go back to their boards to gauge the interest in exploring school start times. We are headed into teacher negotiations. A draft of the WWSU budget has been approved; a new position for a tech director is included in this budget. Eva spoke to the importance of this position in order to move forward efficiencies in our supervisory union and help us get up to speed with system expectations.

Discussion:

- **Land Acquisition:** The owner of land that abuts the school shared with the school administration that this parcel is potentially for sale. Most of the parcel is in the flood plain so there are some limits to how the land can be utilized. But due to setback restrictions our playground area is very limited and having the additional property would allow us to better develop the recreational area for the students of Waitsfield School. There is also a potential partnership with the Mad River Path that would allow the path to be extended behind the school and there may be some grant opportunities due to that partnership. Next steps: discussing cost with landowner, speaking with Select board to see if it is possible to investigate the parcel as a town purchase.
- **Common Core Curriculum Presentation:** set of standards VT adopted at the end of 2010 for mathematics and literacy. NECAPS will be phased out and a new assessment will be administered in 2015. This core curriculum is really about college and career readiness for kids with a focus on 21st century skills.
- **Early Education:** Recommendation to go back to a five day preschool program with T/Th schedule for 3 year olds and M/W/F schedule for 4 year olds. Recommendation to go to full day Kindergarten.
- **Budget:** Reviewed projections for next year's budget and made recommendations to see a

budget with various options to review in December.

- **Policy:** Recommendations to eliminate c-4 and c-5

No Executive Session

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next board meeting will be held either on December 19th or 20th