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Waitsfield School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Waitsfield Elementary School

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Cadwell, Scott Kingsbury and Rob Williams (Chair).

WWSU and WES Staff Present: Kaiya Korb

Members of the Public Present: Todd White (6:55pm)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Rob Williams.

II. Approval of Minutes
Elizabeth Cadwell moved to accept the Minutes from the August 10, 2010 Waitsfield School Board meeting. Scott Kingsbury seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Scott Kingsbury moved to accept the August 23, 2010 Minutes from the School Board's joint meeting with the Waitsfield Select Board. Elizabeth Cadwell seconded. The Minutes were unanimously approved. It was noted that School Board members should be listed as such in the attendance list.

III DISCUSSION
Audience and Written Communication: There was no comment from the public.

Everybody Wins Presentation: Principal Korb discussed the new mentoring program that will soon be implemented at the WES. Two grants were utilized to get the program up and running. Jen Petersen was paid through a planning grant, and Joy Worland has been hired as the Program Coordinator using funds from the second grant. Mentor applications are available through the School, and the first sessions will begin on October 11th.

Discussion of Transportation Sub-Committee: Scott Kingsbury was formally appointed to the WWSU Transportation Committee. A WES Sub-Committee will meet with Scott and Principal Korb prior to the November board meeting to respond to and flush out the questions generated this evening regarding transportation option. Current usage will be examined and alternatives to busing explored. Parking lot capacity and alternative models will also be discussed. Kaiya Korb will work with Scott on the formation of this Sub-Committee. Todd White, who joined the group shortly before 7:00pm, offered to assist.

Board Work Calendar Discussion: The Board reviewed upcoming topics. The working draft document of the board work calendar will be available on the school website.

Date Workbook: This conversation was postponed due to the Superintendent's absence.

Facilities Update: Principal Korb reported that work on the ventilator system and door replacement project continues. Of the $63,267 budgeted for various repairs, roughly $13,000 will remain thanks to a grant that was obtained by the school. Insulation work is still needed, but Principal Korb would like to ensure that the outstanding projects are completed to her satisfaction before launching into the next phase of work.

Solar Update: The Select Board was unable to move forward with plans to install a system because the State incentives were removed, making it less favorable for the Town and School. Nevertheless, the School will continue to explore other options and remain open to future dialogue. Principal Korb will pull together a Solar Sub-Committee to investigate options and make a recommendation so that we will be better prepared to take advantage of future opportunities.

REPORTS
The Financial Report: This report will be shared next month to reflect the majority of spending for the year that occurred this month.

The Principal's Report: Principal Korb outlined all of her current initiatives as outlined in her written report included with the Agenda Items.

The Superintendent's Report: This report was postponed. The Superintendent was unavailable due to a Negotiations Meeting.

Washington West Representative's Report: Elizabeth Cadwell updated the Board as to the current topics being discussed at the Supervisory level.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Elizabeth Cadwell moved to go into Executive Session at 7:10pm to discuss contract issues. Scott Kingsbury seconded, and all agreed. The group came out of Executive Session at approximately 7:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

The next meeting will be on October 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Waitsfield Elementary School library.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth W. Cadwell
Board Member