

**WAITSFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board members attending:** Rob Williams, Eve Frankel, Helen Kellogg, Todd White  
**WES and WWSU staff attending:** Kaiya Korb, Brigid Scheffert

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rob Williams called the meeting to order at 6:36.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Eve Frankel moved to approve March 19<sup>th</sup> minutes and Todd White seconded; the minutes were unanimously approved.

Rob Williams moved to approve March 6<sup>th</sup> minutes and Helen Kellogg seconded; the minutes were unanimously approved.

**REPORTS**

**Financial Report:** We now have a projected contribution to the fund balance of \$25K. Significant savings were realized from oil and transportation.

**Principal's Report:** Preschool screening revealed that WES is at capacity for our 4 year old program. A lottery will be conducted for 4 year old students not already attending the program. Three year olds currently in the program will have places. Those who do not get a spot will get funds to apply to any other preschool program operating within the preschool partnership.

The placement progress has begun with input from the parent forms. The 3-4 teacher hiring process has come to a conclusion, with a recommendation to be offered in executive committee. Over 120 applications were received.

Our PTA recently hosted a social event. They are looking for new officers to replace the president and vice president whose children will be leaving WES.

Kaiya shared a proposal to formalize our intervention services outside of special education. This plan will be fully implemented by the start of next school year and staffed primarily by the Title 1 interventionist, a position currently held by Terry Hopper.

Also presented was a model formalizing additional instructional opportunities for students exceeding the standards in math. Staff have been working on this model with consultant Nicole Feret over the year; it will be operational at the start of next year. While it does require additional resources, we believe that we can staff it primarily "within house."

**Washington West Representative Report:** The school calendar was approved for next year. A transportation contract is under review including a fuel cap. This represents \$900,000 a year in spending, with 68% reimbursed by the state. June 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a WWSU full board retreat to get to know each other and our ways of working. All are invited. Donarae recently presented to the executive committee about special education expenditures to help each school understand their situations.

**Superintendent's report:** The WWSU is in the process of teacher negotiations. Amy Rex has been hired as a co-principal for Harwood; Lisa Atwood will continue to serve as the other co-principal. Fayston is close to hiring a new principal. The WWSU is close to moving to Mad River Park.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Audience and Written Communication:** None submitted.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Policy:**

Helen Kellogg made a motion to approve policy F-40 Pest Management . Eve Frankel seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Todd White made a motion to go in to executive session on a matter of real estate. Eve Frankel seconded and the board went in to executive session at 7:30.

The board came out of executive session at 7:32.

Eve Frankel made a motion to go in to executive session on a matter of personnel. Rob Williams seconded and the board went in to executive session at 7:33.

The board came out of executive session at 7:57.

Helen Kellogg made a motion to go in to executive session on a matter of personnel. Todd White seconded and the board went in to executive session at 7:58.

The board came out of executive session at 8:00. Rob Williams moved and Helen Kellogg seconded offering a contract as a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to Thomas McAllister. The motion passed unanimously.

Rob Williams made a motion to go in to executive session on a student matter. Eve Frankel seconded and the board went in to executive session at 8:00.

The board came out of executive session at 8:02.

Rob Williams made a motion to approve the continued enrollment of a student who has moved away from the district, contingent upon the principal's ongoing recommendation and that the enrollment will occur with a tuition waiver. Eve Frankel seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Todd White made a motion to go in to executive session on a matter of contract. Rob Williams seconded and the board went in to executive session at 8:05

The board came out of executive session at 8:15.

Helen Kellogg made a motion to go in to executive session on a matter of contract. Rob Williams seconded and the board went in to executive session at 8:16.

The board came out of executive session at 8:17.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The following meeting will be held on May 21st, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Waitsfield Elementary School library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Kellogg

Secretary and Clerk