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Waitsfield School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Waitsfield Elementary School

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

WWSU and WES Staff Present: Kaiya Korb, Brigid Scheffert

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Rob Williams.

II. Approval of Minutes

Wrenn Compère moved to accept the minutes of the Waitsfield School Board meeting from June 15, 2010 and Elizabeth Cadwell seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III DISCUSSION

Audience and Written Communication: Kaiya shared initial plans for fostering a theme of community at the opening of school, with Board and PTA participation.

Facilities Update: Painting was completed in all halls, four classrooms and an office. The door replacement project will follow the completion of the ventilator replacement project, which will take place in the coming weeks. Insulation work will be postponed pending review of the capital improvement fund. Current student artwork will be framed and hung in the halls before the opening of the school.

Follow-up actions from the Board's June Retreat:

- Transportation will be reviewed by a committee this fall to survey the current and optimal approach.
- The board members will participate in periodic staff meetings to increase connections and understanding between the staff & board members.
- The board members will look for regular opportunities to celebrate and share accomplishments in our school with the Valley Reporter.
- Board members will raise their consciousness of Valley resources to be brought in to the school.

ACTION ITEMS

Preschool Partnership: Helen Kellogg made a motion to approve the preschool partnership for the 2010/2011 school year. Scott Kingsbury seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hiring a Paraeducator: A candidate for the .8 position has been recommended. Wrenn Compere made a motion to hire Lauren Sauer as a paraeducator. Helen Kellogg seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Financial Report: Kaiya provided a detailed financial report showing our numbers to be sound and on track.

Principal's Report: Kaiya highlighted a focus on community for this year, the implementation of a new math program, and the use of VCAT to help us build consistent assessment data across classrooms and grade level. We will also be identifying technology standards across grade levels. Presentations will be made on science, foreign language, and technology.

Superintendent's Report: Brigid reported on the state of 146 reductions, specifically around the State-proscribed targets for savings of \$519K by WWSU. The process is in the early stages and it is as yet unclear how the SU will proceed. Brigid also handed out the student performance data workbook to provide context and clarity on our school's performance. Finally, the public statement on the state of the teacher's contract negotiation was distributed.

Washington West Representative Report: None made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm. The next meeting will be on September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Waitsfield Elementary School library.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kellogg
Recording Secretary & Clerk