

Harwood Unified Union District  
September 6, 2017  
Emergency Meeting - Unofficial minutes

**Board Members Present:** Maureen McCracken, Christine Sullivan, Alycia Biondo, Rob Williams, Rosemarie White, Jim Casey, Garrett McCurtain, Peter Langella, Caitlin Hollister, Gabe Gilman, Jill Ellis

**Administration Present:** Brigid Nease, Michelle Baker, Ray Daigle, Beth Peterson, Jean Berthiaume

**Public Present:** Alexis Leacock - Warren, Katie Sullivan - Waitsfield, Carolyn Adams - Warren, Madeline Hughes - Waterbury Record, Cyrus Ready-Campbell - VTDLgger, Chris Keating - Valley Reporter, Gina Gaidys - Waitsfield, Kathy Haskell - Waitsfield, Genevieve Knight - Waitsfield, Lyndley Mittler - Warren, Elizabeth Tarno - Moretown, Kevin and Kristin Babic - Warren, Jane Spina - Warren, Joanna and Mike Von Recklinghausen - Warren, Renee Shioti - Warren, Meg Horhan - Warren, Irene Keithcart - Warren teacher, Lisa Reisner - Warren, Jennifer Boland - Warren faculty, Marie Schmukal - Warren, Heidi Ringer, Heidi Greene - Warren, Matt Larkin - Warren

Call to order 6:35

Additions/Deletions - Public comment at end of meeting

1. Christine Sullivan - provided comments thanking people for attendance, describing the reasons for calling an emergency meeting, and introducing members of administration on hand to provide information about situation at Warren School
2. Brigid Nease - provided a detailed narrative regarding current situation and why there was the need to cancel school - GW Savage has been on hand to do a full building assessment for mold and air quality - we know we failed air quality tests, but do not know how poor the air condition is - question of how long school will be closed - ongoing sampling to determine changes in quality - 3 options at this point - students in school next week, able to be at Sugarbush next week if insurance can be transferred, doe not look like we need 3rd - we will continue to monitor and collect data
3. Ray Daigle - Explanation of additional work needed for mold remediation and for areas that have gotten wet, including asbestos remediation - once interior needs have been met, crews will return to original scope of work which remains around exterior of building
4. Michelle Baker briefly spoke to insurance issue
5. Beth Peterson described successful first days of school despite ongoing construction and confidence in the team once they are able to return to work and school is in session despite uncertainty of where that will be

Floor was opened to public questions:

Jane Spina - when can we help on Plan B?

Brigid Nease - hope to move into action Thursday am

Joanna Von Recklinhausen - Will school choice reopen?

Brigid Nease - Have to respect cut off date, otherwise not equitable or workable given scope of current situation

Renee Shioti - Questioned asbesto removal

Ray Daigle - Described process

Meg Horhan - What if Sugarbush says no? Where will kids be Monday?

Kevin Babic - As long as insurance piece is in place, Sugarbush will be available

Lisa Reisner - What will happen to the scheduled end of the school year due to all the missed days?

Brigid Nease - Applying for an exemption

Nicole Disher - KPAS/WASP contingency plan?

Brigid Nease - Issue is that they are covered by own insurance plan and will need to have coverage in place to operate out of Warren School Building

Michelle Baker - Read a statement from the Vermont Department of Health on mold standards

Marie Schmukal - asked about areas affected

Ray Daigle - upstairs K, Whitney and Gina's rooms, KPAS/WASP areas, Lyndley's room, hallway

No further questions

Rosemarie White motioned to adjourn at 8:15, seconded, unanimous in favor.