

**Supervisory Union Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2011
Wilmington West Central Office**

Frankel (Waitsfield), Rob Rosen (Warren), Dale Smeltzer (Waterbury-Duxbury), and Ben Smith (Waterbury-Duxbury)

Administrators Present: Brigid Scheffert, Sheila Rivers, Donarae Pike, Duane Pierson, Michelle Baker

Others: Diana Costello (Moretown), Adam Greshin (Warren), Todd White (Waitsfield)

Ben Smith called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

1) Action Items:

- a) **Approve minutes:** Rob Rosen moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011 as written. Susan Daley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2) Discussion Items

- a) **WWSU Budget 2012-12** – Michelle Baker distributed handouts, of the information that had been emailed. She first reviewed the changes included in November's draft:

- i) adding the Systems Administrator,
- ii) increase in Supt salary,
- iii) all other salary increases,
- iv) increases in benefits,
- v) Technology Purchased services,
- vi) Office Lease for 10.5% increase,

Draft #1 Net Result: This draft had resulted in an assessment to districts of 8.2%.

Since that time there are some more changes which are included in the Draft #2 presented at this meeting:

- i) reducing Technology Expenses per review of new Systems Administrator,
- ii) addition of moving expenses,
- iii) Office Lease slightly cheaper,
- iv) Change in benefit plan to single.

Draft #2 Net Result: The changes result in there still being a 8.2% increase in assessments. She then reviewed the individual district assessment impacts, including separation of the impact due to ADM shift and the impact from the budget increase. She also provided handouts listing the current work efforts of the Systems Administrator (this year partially serving under MOUs with several individual districts), and the MOU language, for board member information.

Ben Smith then asked Adam Greshin about cost information that he had prepared, which was distributed as a handout to board members. The handout showed budget and enrollment history for Central Office as well as for each individual district over the last 12 years. He had noted that the growth of the Central Office budget was far greater than any in the individual districts, and questioned whether that kind of increase was warranted in these times saying he had trouble looking to explain this to Warren residents. He thinks that these figures need to be looked at, and that more appropriate growth and spending might be needed. There was then board member discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of the increase in the SU budget over the years, and the services and savings that the SU currently provides. Michelle then provided handouts of FY2010 Comparison of SU Costs – SU General Administration and SU Other Support to total SU PK-12 Expenses; and FY 2012 WWSU Funds budgeted and managed by the SU, in addition to the SU General Fund and SU Managed Services. Lisa Ransom left at 6:45 p.m.

ACTION: Deb Hunter moved to recommend this Draft #2 December 13, 2011 WWSU budget to the WWSU Board. Dale Smeltzer seconded the motion. There was then some further discussion. Dale called



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th Susan MacLean-Daley, Deb Hunter, Eve Frankel, Dale Smeltzer,
voting in opposition.

the full Board meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2012 at 6 PM, at

HU Library.

- b) **Financial Report** – there were no questions.
- c) **Agenda for January 3 WWSU Board Meeting** – It was suggested that there be discussion of the current status of Act 153.
- d) **Update on Act 153** – Brigid briefly noted that recent info from the state was made available today and she will forward that to board members with a cover letter.

3) **Other Business** – there was none

Adjournment – Rob Rosen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Susan MacLean-Daley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Dale Smeltzer