

**Washington West Supervisory Union School Board**  
**“UNOFFICIAL” Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2014**  
**Harwood Union High School Library**

**Board Members Present:**

Fayston: Doug Mosle, Heidi Spear, Jill Ellis  
Moretown: Jim Burmester, Kate O'Neill  
Harwood: Dale Smeltzer  
Waitsfield: Todd White, Eve Frankel, Helen Kellogg  
Warren: Rob Rosen, Adam Greshin  
Waterbury-Duxbury: Ben Smith, Steve Odefey, Ellen Dorsey  
Duxbury Town: Tom Cahalan

**Administrators Present:** Brigid Scheffert, Michelle Baker, Donarae Cook, Sheila Soule

**Public:** Rosemarie White

1) Eve Frankel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) **Approve Minutes of March 25, 2013:** Rob Rosen moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2013 as written. Ben Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- b) **Vote on Distribution of WWSU Budget by Equalized Pupils not ADM:** Michelle Baker briefly explained the handout (“WWSU – Assessment Based on ADM vs. Equalized Pupils”) and rationale for this proposed change. It is the way that the vast majority of SU’s around the state do this, and it would mean that the cost and tax rate assessed for the SU assessment is the same for all districts. Budgets have been prepared with this change, and it would be effective for FY15. Dale Smeltzer moved that the WWSU budget be assessed to districts based on equalized pupils rather than ADM and that the Rules of Organization be revised accordingly. Ben Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- c) **Vote on Presented FY2015 WWSU Budget:** Michelle discussed the handout provided (“WWSU Summary – Budget FY2015 Proposed” by going through the highlights. There were then questions and discussion. Heidi Spear moved to approve FY2015 budget of \$1,231,300. Tom Cahalan seconded the motion which passed with 13 members voting in favor (Doug Mosle, Heidi Spear, Jill Ellis, Jim Burmester, Kate O'Neill, Dale Smeltzer, Todd White, Eve Frankel, Helen Kellogg, Ben Smith, Steve Odefey, Ellen Dorsey and Tom Cahalan) and 2 members voting in opposition (Rob Rosen and Adam Greshin).
- d) **Vote on Changing Banking Institutions:** Rob Rosen moved to change the banking institution for WWSU to Peoples United Bank, as recommended by the CFO Michelle Baker. Ben Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3) **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) **Board H521 Training – Discussion of Education Funding & WWSU Task Force:** This part of the meeting started at 6:30 p.m. Heidi Spear reported on the recent statewide education funding symposium that she had attended earlier in the week. There was then extended discussion regarding the state education funding formula and challenges it is creating for school boards.

4) **Other Business:** There was none.

5) **Adjournment:** Dale Smeltzer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Kate O'Neill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*Minutes recorded by Dale Smeltzer*