

Washington West Supervisory Union Board of School Directors
“UNOFFICIAL” Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2012
Harwood Union High School Library

WWSU Board Members Present:

Fayston: Susan MacLean Daley, Heidi Spear, Russ Beilke

Harwood: Dale Smeltzer,

Moretown: Kaj Samsom, Jim Burmeister

Waitsfield: Eve Frankel, Scott Kingsbury

Warren: Rob Rosen, Mike Ketchel

Waterbury-Duxbury: Steve Odefey, Ben Smith, Ellen Dorsey

Duxbury: Ann LaTulippe (arrived 6:20 p.m. and left at 7:30 p.m.)

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

Others: Kaiya Korb (Waitsfield Principal)

Brigid Scheffert called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

1) Reorganization of the Board:

- a) **Elect a Chair** – Susan Daley moved to nominate Ben Smith as Chair. Eve Frankel seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Brigid then turned the meeting over to Ben.
- b) **Elect a Vice-Chair** – Susan Daley moved to nominate Dale Smeltzer as Vice-Chair. Rob Rosen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- c) **Elect a Treasurer** – Heidi Spear moved to nominate Susan Daley as Treasurer. Eve Frankel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- d) **Elect an Assistant Treasurer** – Mike Ketchel moved to nominate Laura Titus as Assistant Treasurer. Susan Daley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- e) **Elect a Finance Officer** – Mike Ketchel moved to nominate Freddie Graves as Finance Officer. Rob Rosen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- f) **Elect an Assistant Finance Officer** – Dale Smeltzer moved to nominate Russ Beilke as Assistant Finance Officer. Susan Daley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- g) **Elect a Recording Secretary** – Susan Daley moved to nominate Dale Smeltzer as Recording Secretary. Eve Frankel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- 2) **Designate Newspaper of Record** – Susan Daley moved to designate the Time Argus as the Newspaper of Record. Dale Smeltzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- 3) **Approve minutes of January 3, 2012:** Susan Daley moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2012 as written. Rob Rosen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4) Discussion Items

- a) **Financial Report** – This will be discussed by the WWEC during its meeting later the same evening.
- b) **Assessment Presentation** – Sheila Rivers, WWSU Curriculum Coordinator, provided a presentation reviewing the data from the 2011 NECAPs. She also provided paper copies of the data workbook for board members.

(Ann LaTulippe arrived during the presentation at 6:20 p.m.)

Following the presentation there was some discussion about how the data will be used.

(Ann LaTulippe left at 7:30 p.m.)

- c) **END OF YEAR RETREAT: WWSU Educational Delivery in a Climate of Declining Enrollment - Positioning the Supervisory Union and Each of the Districts** – Brigid reported that plans are being made for this as a retreat by WWEC and Harwood. Board member suggested that doing it as early in June as possible would be better, perhaps on a Friday evening. June 8 was a tentative suggestion that will be confirmed, with June 15 as the desired back-up.

- 5) **Other Business:** Mike Ketchel mentioned the math curriculum change that was recently made and communicated to 8th grade parents, and suggested that elementary parents might want to become aware. There was brief discussion regarding the change and the concerns being expressed by parents.
- 6) **Adjournment** – Russ Beilke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Dale Smeltzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The discussion of math curriculum continued until 7:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Dale Smeltzer