

Washington West Supervisory Union Board
“OFFICIAL” Meeting Minutes for March 31, 2014
Harwood Union High School Library

In Attendance:

WWSU Board Members:

Fayston: Doug Mosle, Heidi Spear, Susan MacLean Daley (arrived at 6:42 p.m.)

Harwood: Dale Smeltzer

Moretown: Jim Burmester, Kate O'Neill, Tom Badowski

Waitsfield: Eve Frankel, Allison Champlin, Rob Williams (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)

Warren: Adam Greshin, Mike Ketchel

Waterbury-Duxbury: Ben Smith, Steve Odefey

Duxbury Town: Tom Cahalan

Administrators: Sheila Soule (WWSU Director of Curriculum and Assessment), Michelle Baker (WWSU CFO), Lisa Atwood (Harwood Principal), Amy Rex (Harwood Principal), Tom Drake (CBMS Principal)

Public: Dan Eckstein, Samantha Burns (Mad River Valley TV Channel 44)

Call to Order: Sheila Soule called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1) Action Items:

a) Board Reorganization

- i) **Elect a Chair** – Dale Smeltzer moved to nominate Eve Frankel as Chair. Ben Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Sheila then turned the meeting over to Eve.
- ii) **Elect a Vice-Chair** – Dale Smeltzer moved to nominate Ben Smith as Vice-Chair. Eve Frankel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- iii) **Elect a Treasurer** – Eve Frankel moved to nominate Doug Mosle as Treasurer. Tom Cahalan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- iv) **Elect an Assistant Treasurer** – Dale Smeltzer moved to nominate Laura Titus as Assistant Treasurer. – Ben Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- v) **Elect a Finance Officer** – Ben Smith moved to nominate Deb Hunter as Finance Officer. Eve Frankel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- vi) **Elect an Assistant Finance Officer** – Tom Cahalan moved to nominate Ben Smith as Assistant Finance Officer. Eve Frankel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- vii) **Elect a Recording Secretary** – Ben Smith moved to nominate Dale Smeltzer as Recording Secretary. Eve Frankel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- viii) **Designate Newspaper of Record** – Eve Frankel moved to designate the Valley Reporter and the Waterbury Record as the Newspapers of Record. Dale Smeltzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

(Rob Williams arrived at 6:11 p.m.)

- b) **Approve Minutes of January 16, 2014** – Rob Williams moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2014 as written. Ben Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- c) **Approval of the Tyler Technology Agreement for Fiscal and Human Resource Management** – This item acted on at the WWEC meeting on April 9, 2014.

2) Discussion Items

- a) **Round Table Share: Town Meetings & Budgets** – Members from Fayston, Waterbury-Duxbury, Waitsfield, Moretown, Warren and Harwood shared their experiences with budgets and Town Meeting.
- b) **Middle School Alignment Discussion/Presentation** – Sheila provided an overview of the process used to carry out this ongoing review of the two programs, and noted that she, Lisa, Amy and Tom have been meeting regularly throughout the year. They gave a summary comparison of Core Subjects (40 min per week more core at HUMS); Impact of Core by looking at top 10% in graduating class from each sending school; Percent of students enrolled in AP courses from each sending school; Performance on NECAP

Grade 11 by sending school; Foreign Language (offered as a choice at both but with higher participation at HUMS; only French at CBMS; only some trimesters at CBMS); Percentage of students in highest level of any language by sending school (FUTURE: look at what % of the graduating class this is); Technology access; (*Susan MacLean Daley arrived at 6:42 p.m.*) Impacts of technology access (questions about how best to coordinate “equal” access at grades K-6); (*Tom Badowski left at 6:59 p.m.*) Additional course offerings and their impact (in the future, through PLPs). This group is working on finding quantitative ways to get 9th grade teacher feedback. They do see differences in the 8th grade assessment data, although this appears to dissipate at the high school although this is hard to evaluate since high school scores go down for all students. (*Mike Ketchel left at 7:19 p.m.*) There was then brief discussion.

- 3) **Other Business** – There was none.
- 4) **Adjournment** – Rob Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Ben Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Dale Smeltzer