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### **Waitsfield Elementary Board of School Directors**

**January 16, 2017 Meeting**

**6:30 p.m. Waitsfield School Library**

**Present:** Christine Sullivan, Barclay Rappeport, Jeremy Gulley, Kaiya Korb, Eve Frankel, Jonathan Goldhammer

6:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

**Additions and Edits to Agenda:** None

## **DISCUSSION**

**Audience and Written Communication:** None

**Annual School Meeting Planning:** Kaiya proposed if WWSU/HUUSD isn't putting out a communication about the new voting process regarding budget, then she will add to our WES report. Kaiya will provide a presentation with her report to be given at the meeting.

**Local Advisory Council Proposal follow-up:** Our previous discussion was to have an initial meeting in March, following Town Meeting. The idea was raised to build on the Community Coalition from the past year. That group focused on climate and culture of schools. We need to be clear going forward what avenues people would need to take in the event of an issue, knowing what is a school board matter and what is for the school-based council. Kaiya suggested waiting. Eve spoke to the challenges in getting participation in both PTA and local school board governance. Jonathan also spoke to the lack of participation in school business in Waitsfield in general and the challenge this would present to forming a new committee. General consensus was to wait as the HUUSD goes forward and it becomes more clear as to the need and approach that would be the most consistent throughout each building. Christine suggested that we look at Chittenden East or other districts that have previously merged for examples.

**FY 16 Fund Balance:** There has been discussion regarding who determines the use of the past year's fund balance. This topic was discussed at the most recent HUUSD meeting. Per email communication from attorney, Paul Giuliani, to Michelle Baker, his opinion is that the funds will move to the HUUSD and local boards will not have the decision as to the disbursement of the funds. Waitsfield board indicated no concerns regarding this decision.

## **ACTION**

**Approval of December 19, 2016 meeting minutes:** Jonathan Goldhammer moved to accept, Jeremy Gulley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous acceptance.

**Approve Board Order:** Jonathan Goldhammer moved to approve board order #1099 in the amount of \$40,868.74, Christine Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous acceptance.

**Annual Board meeting warning:** Eve Frankel moved to approve the warning of our annual meeting. Christine Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous acceptance.

**Authorize letter to the community regarding board updates:** Jonathan Goldhammer moved to authorize Eve to make changes to the letter as discussed and for board members to give feedback. Jeremy Gulley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous acceptance.

## **REPORTS**

**Washington West EC/ HUUSD report:** The HUUSD budget is moving forward and final budget deliberation will be this coming Wednesday. Proposed cuts of teachers at Warren & Fayston were voted down due to a desire to move slowly in the first year of the HUUSD. As seven different school boards come together who

have done business very differently from each other, there will need to be processes in place to aid with future planning.

**Principal's Report:** At WES currently we are preparing preschool screening and to have uniform communications regarding programming, timing and communicating the screening process across our unified district. Staff reviews are still being completed, although there are fewer staff in the formal evaluation process this year. Staff are continuing to use the same plp tool for goal-setting that we are asking students to use. The Leadership team for WWSU has been running facilitation training. Liz Belknap and Kaiya attended in the past month and will have a few more days going forward. The Winter Sports Program has allowed for staff development to occur, which includes writing scoring, review of our multi-tiered system of reports, Preparation for SBAC exams, preparing for puberty instruction and other items. Shared staff meetings across all WWSU elementary schools have been planned for the remainder of the school year.

### **Executive Session**

Eve Frankel moved to go into executive session at 7:48 for the purpose of labor relations agreements with employees. Jonathan Goldhammer 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The board left executive session at 8:14pm.

Eve Frankel moved to approve additional credit reimbursement in FY17 for Allison Bataille in pursuit of coursework to complete a Health endorsement. Jonathan Goldhammer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous acceptance.

Jonathan Goldhammer moved to approve Clayton Wetzel total expenditure in FY17 for coursework toward his BSN not to exceed the dollar amount equivalent to six UVM credits. Jeremy Gulley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous acceptance.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:17pm