

Townshend School Board Minutes
@ Townshend Elementary School
7:00 p.m.
2-13-12-Draft

Present: Beth Cutts, April Chase, David Dezendorf, Al Claussen, Kim Liebow, Members of the Board, Steven John, Superintendent, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Vicki Salvo, Jasmine Russell, Joe Winrich, Members of the Public Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Call to Order: April called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Additions and Deletions to agenda: No changes to the agenda

Members of the Public: Vicki and Jasmine attended to express a concern about the closing of Scott Bridge and the bus stop. April told them that it will be 8 weeks before there will be bus service as it will be the end of March before the culvert is finished. David explained that he is trying to get information from the Dept. of Vermont Transportation and try to get some answers, i.e. what are their plans for Scott Bridge, will it be taken down, etc. Steven said he will offer to contact West River Transportation and see what accommodations can be made for the people that this is affecting. Steven asked Vicki to call him and see what can be done on a temporary basis.

Consent Calendar:

- A. Principal's report
 - B. Superintendent's report
 - C. Approval of Minutes
- I January 9, 2012

By unanimous consent the consent calendar was approved.

Treasurer and financial reports: April reported that we currently have \$97,327.00 in our checking account, and \$150,000 out on our line of credit.

Bills and Purchase Orders: April made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO# 36 \$15,782.60, Payroll PO#37 \$6,780.75, Payroll PO#38 \$15,159.38, Payroll PO #39 \$9,008.66, Payroll PO#40 \$15,568.47, Payroll PO#41 \$7,956.15, and Vendor Warrant PO #42 \$32,108.47. No discussion. Motion carried to pay bills and purchase orders as read.

Reports of Administration and Committees:

- A. Policy-None
- B. Technology-Kim Liebow reported the following from the Townshend Technology Committee: Teachers are having issues with computers going down. The issue was found to be the automatic updates are causing the problem. The five year

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plan is still being worked on. Cathy is working on a new system to merge report cards. David asked if the old website has been removed. Deborah said the teachers want to keep it for a little while longer.

- C. Negotiations- Steven reported they are still continuing and the second mediation session will take place this week.
- D. R.E.D.-Discussion: There was a proposal by the Jamaica School Board rather than close individual schools, close all of them. By closing all of the schools it would help reduce the payments to build a newer school that would contain all of the students, Jamaica, Townshend and Windham. Without closing schools there would be no reduction. This school would be built somewhere off Route 100. A lengthy discussion ensued. Joe said the committee is looking for feedback from the boards.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- A. EEE Site Base Update: Deborah reported she has been invited to participate in a meeting for an EEE student.
- B. Budget Questions and Review for Town Meeting: David distributed a copy of the Town Report. He went over the town report with the board and asked for questions and concerns. The board was very impressed by the format of the Town Report. A discussion ensued.
- C. Steven distributed a copy of the various budgets from the various schools to see what other budgets looked like.

New Business

- A. NECAP Results: Deborah reported on the NECAP results for Townshend Elementary School students. Writing scores are way down across the state and is a concern for Townshend students. Science students at poverty level or have IEP's made significant gains. Deborah gave a comprehensive overview of the NECAP results. She presented a handout for the board to see and ask questions.

Correspondence: April received the following correspondence: Grace Cottage Hospital water flow report for January 1st. There were a couple of days that look like something happened over the weekend, and Deborah reported that she found out the water had been left on, thus causing the increase in water usage. The board reviewed the report and Deborah was given the report to file.

Upcoming Meetings:

- A. Negotiations committee 4:00 pm February 16, 2012 at L&G room A-12.

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- B. Pre-Town Meeting 6:00 pm February 27, 2012 at Townshend Town Hall.
- C. Voluntary RED study committee 7 pm March 21, 2012 at L&G.
- D. WCSU annual organizational meeting 7:00 pm March 28, 2012 at L&G.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Beth made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder