

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@ TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6:00 pm
1-13-14 APPROVED MINUTES**

Present: Kim Liebow, April Chase, Al Claussen, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Steven John, Superintendent, Frank Rucker, CFO @ WCSU, Megan Richardson, Kris Jerz, Kristina Wright, Members of the Public, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Absent: Beth Cutts, Brian Schmidt

Call to Order: April called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm

Additions and Deletions: No Superintendent's Report

Members of the Public: None

Consent Calendar:

- a. Minutes for December 09, 2013
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Principal's Report

Strike the superintendent's report from the consent calendar as there isn't one. Consent calendar was approved with unanimous consent.

Treasurer and financial report: April reported we currently have \$180,000 in our checking account.

Frank presented the Year to Date financial report for the boards review.

Steven told the board that the State Education Agency will move to Barre, Vermont.

Bills and Purchase Orders; April made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO#43 \$ 19,617.74, Payroll PO #44 \$11,368.34, Payroll PO#45 \$17,049.15, Vendor Warrant PO #46 \$7,135.22, Payroll PO#47 \$612.64, Payroll PO #48 \$207.13, and Vendor Warrant PO #49 \$133,535.94. No discussion. Motion carried to pay bills and purchase orders as read.

Reports of Administration and Committees:

- a. Technology-None
- b. RED-None

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Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a. Administration budget presentation: Frank presented to the board 5 different scenarios of the budget. A lengthy discussion ensued. Kim made a motion to pass the budget for FY15 in the amount of \$1,416,472.00. This is a 1.2% increase in expenditures for the year. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion collaboration with Jamaica-RED Meeting scheduled for 2/10/14 at 7:00 or 7:30 on 2/10/14. April said that some of the discussion will be to look at the surveys that were sent out and to discuss the building. Kim asked what is happening with the collaboration with Jamaica. April explained that it was decided if there was a possibility of working with one or two other boards to see if there was any interest they should have a discussion. Some of the options for Townshend and Jamaica could be coming up with some sort of collaboration, whether building a new school, using resources we currently have, etc. What would we be looking at for our students if this was to happen? April had a conversation with Rick Thorpe, from the Wardsboro Board, and there was some receptive response from him. The RED would be a K-12 board and this would be a K-6 board.

- c. Town Report Preparation: Frank will have the budget and the necessary data that they need. The town needs a warning now that the budget has been approved, basically the warning has not changed.

New Business:

- a. Town Warning review and sign: April will update the warning and give to Heidi Russ so that the board can sign.

- b. Set School Tuition Rate: Frank presented via the projector how they calculate the school tuition rate. Kim made a motion to set the tuition rate for FY 2015 @ \$13,000. Motion carried.

Correspondence: April presented correspondence to the board; Water Flow Report from November 2013. A few blips but nothing significant. April gave the report to Deborah to file.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. RED Committee meeting January 22, 2014 at L&G @ 7

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b.L&G Public Budget Information meeting January 28, 2014 @ L&G @ 7pm
c.L&G Budget VOTE (Australian Ballot) February 5, 2014 @ 9:00 am -7pm @
Townshend Town Hall

Executive Session-Superintendent's Evaluation:

Kim made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:13 pm with the board to discuss and perform the superintendent's evaluation. Motion carried.

Kim made a motion to exit executive session at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.

Resolution: The TSB will give the completed Superintendent's Evaluation to the WCSU Chair.

Adjourn:

Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the TSB at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder