

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**@TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**7:00 PM**  
**11-9-15-DRAFT**

**Present:** Al Claussen, Cliff Passino, Brud Sanderson, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Steven John, Superintendent, Vincent DeBonis, CFO @ WCSU, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

**New Member of the Board:** Eric Scott

**Absent:** April Chase

**Call to Order:** Al called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

**Additions and Deletions:** Add under New Business: Warn Policy F30 HHB-Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students, Add under Unfinished Business: Fy17 budget prep

**Members of the Public:** None

**Consent Calendar:**

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Minutes for October 19, 2015

**Superintendent's Report:** Steven commented that he appreciated Al and Brud coming to the WCSU Board meeting which primarily focused on Act 46. Next thing coming up for the board is the budget process. The Townshend School Board wants to keep the budget as level as possible. Steven said new windows have been put in at the central office.

**Addition under Principal's Report:** Deborah said that Phoenix Roofing will be installing new snow guards on our Standing Seam Roof. She also mentioned that there is a bathroom pipe that needs to be re-directed so the snow guards can be installed. Cliff made a motion to approve the moving of the bathroom pipe as requested. Brud seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer and financial reports:** Vincent gave a report on revenue and expenditure reports. Vincent said we are at 33% of our expenditures currently. He reported that by looking at the fund balance as of 6-30-15 there is a good possibility we will have no deficit at the end of this fiscal year. Al requested from Vincent to look at the previously FY to see where we were last year at this time.

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**Bills and Purchase Orders:** Al made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO#33 \$16,137.70, Payroll PO#34 \$11,192.93, Payroll PO#35 \$16,821.56, Payroll PO#36 \$7,802.04 and Vendor Warrant PO #37 \$32,637.39. No discussion. Cliff made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as read. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of Administration and Committees:** None

**Unfinished Business and General Orders:**

- a. Act 46 updates: AOE link---<http://education.vermont.gov/laws/2015/act-46>The board continues to work on understanding Act 46.
- b. FY17 budget prep-Bud presented a preliminary budget to the board for discussion. Bud said there will be a 7.9% increase in our health care this year; this will have a significant impact on WCSU and the employees, it also increases their contribution, a lengthy discussion ensued. Vincent said he will get the education equalized spending per pupil and will share electronically with the board. Vincent said he won't have the figures from the state until December.

Deborah reported back to the board concerning a question that came up at last month's meeting regarding teacher's spending money out of their own pockets for supplies. Deborah feels we shouldn't increase the direct instruction supplies for the FY17 budget. The teachers and Deborah have had a discussion about this and not all classes will be equal as far as supply money, if a special project comes up and the teacher thinks they need extra money then you will go to Deborah and they will discuss the project.

On Oct 28<sup>th</sup> lengthy meeting-question was direction we want to take on Act 46-study committee on side-by-side option? Special meetings with town? (In prep for December WCSU meeting) Al and Brud reported on this-they thought the side by side option probably made the most sense. Wardsboro doesn't want to join the L&G Union District they want to be able to look into a 7-12 option; they don't want to close their school. Steven went over some possibilities that might work. A Special Meeting will be held, if necessary, to ask the public about Side by Side option. Brud thinks Town Meeting will be a good time to do a presentation for the community and would be the time when they would announce to the community members there will be a study committee.

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b. Welcome Eric Scott! The board members welcomed Eric to the Townshend School Board as their newest member.

c. Policy F30: Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students

F20 & F24 are rescinded. F20, F24 & F30 are all included in one policy now. Cliff made a motion to warn F30. Brud seconded. Motion carried. F20 is harassment and F24 is hazing and F30 is Bullying.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. TES School Board meeting, December 14, 2015
- b. WCSU Full Board/Exec, November 18, 2015

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** Brud made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 pm. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins  
Recorder