

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@ TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM
3-7-16-DRAFT**

Present: Cliff Passino, Brud Sanderson, Eric Scott, Manse Jennings, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Steven John, Superintendent, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Call to Order: Steven called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm

Reorganization of the Townshend School Board:

- a. Election of Officers:
 - i. Election of School Board Chair: Brud nominated Al Claussen for School Board Chair, Motion carried.
 - ii. Election of School Board Vice-Chair: Eric Scott nominated Cliff Passino as School Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried.
 - iii. Election of School Board Clerk: Cliff nominated Brud Sanderson as School Board Clerk. Motion carried.
- b. Time and Place of regular meetings: Townshend Elementary School at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month. Motion carried.
- c. Authorized signatures: Any 3 of the board members without objection.
- d. Paper of record: Brattleboro Reformer without objection.
- e. Appointment of truant officer: Windham County Sheriff without objection
- f. Representatives to WCSU Board of Directors: Brud, Cliff, and Al without objection
- g. Representatives to WCSU Executive Committee: The chair, Al or Vice-Chair Cliff without objection
- h. Representative to WCSU Negotiations Committee: Eric Scott without objection.
- i. Signing of Payroll: Any 3 board members without objection
- j. Representative to TES Action Planning Committee: Eric Scott without objection
- k. Use of Small or Large Board procedure from Robert's Rules of Order: Small Board rules without objection
- l. WCSU Policy Committee: Brud was nominated by Cliff with Al as the back-up. Motion carried.

Al and Steven welcomed Manse as a new board member and explained that they have access thru the internet to the VSB information.

Additions and Deletions: None

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@ TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM
3-7-16-DRAFT**

Members of the Public: None

Consent Calendar:

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Minutes for February 8, 2016.

Superintendent's Report: Steven commended the board for a successful Townshend Town Meeting and successful passing of the budget... Steven discussed with the board the various acts and what they do: Act 68 caused L&G to have its own budget. Act 153 said the superintendent is in charge of providing all sped, transportation and all administrative functions of WCSU. Windham, Stratton, Dover and Marlboro all have their own buses. The state says Steven has to have transportation under WCSU. Act 156 RED means that there was a 3 year study that was a part of L&G, single district with one board and people weren't ready for it at the time. There would have been a tax break on it but never came to a public vote.

Consent calendar was unanimously approved.

Treasurer and Financial Reports: No report from Bud this month.

Bills and Purchase Orders: Al made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO #55 \$14,333.79, Payroll PO#56 \$9,963.89, Payroll PO#57 \$28,441.02. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Administration and Committees: None

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a. Act 46-Study Committee-Al and Brud attended this meeting. Steven Dale wanted to know where the board was at and Brud noticed that other towns are a little more active than us at this point. Timeline became a discussion point. If you drag your feet nothing will get done, you will loose grants that the state will offer us. There was brain storming at this meeting. The timeline will tell what is going on at each meeting and will be broken out by month. In May this should finalize recommendations, review and approve the draft report and share recommendations with all districts of WCSU. Steven distributed a timeline that was developed.

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@ TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM
3-7-16-DRAFT**

Stratton is in our WCSU and Stratton has no school, they had a meeting with Ira, Sandgate and Winhall they could qualify for the tax break. Newbrook and Newfane have also gotten together as a business contract not as an entity.

New Business:

a. Town Meeting overview and new board member welcome. Al welcomed Manse to the board as mentioned earlier in the meeting. Town Meeting Overview-Brud thought a couple items should be mentioned: Audit-hoping to have some info on the audit as part of the town report in the future and the voters want to make sure this can happen for next year's town report. One other thing was the fund balance and how it is relative to how the budget performs, voters would like to see it in the report. Al did take care of this but for next year they want to see it in the report.

Correspondence: Grace Cottage Water Flow Report: January 2016 no problem. Deborah was given the report to file.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. WCSU Full Board Reorganization Meeting & Agency Fund Budget vote on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at L&G @ 7 pm
- b. TES Board Meeting, April 11, 2016 7 pm
- c. Act 46 Study Committee with Stephen Dale Monday, March 14, 2016. He will consult with all WCSU board and advise to what their options are, where to go from here and in what direction to go.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Cliff made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder

DRAFT