

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@ TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM
2-8-16-DRAFT**

Present: Cliff Passino, Brud Sanderson, Al Claussen, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Steven John, Superintendent, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Absent: Eric Scott and April Chase

Call to Order: Al called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Additions and Deletions: Executive Session: Negotiations.

Members of the Public: None

Consent Calendar

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Minutes for January 11, 2016

Principal's Report removed from Consent Calendar: Deborah read a paragraph from Joyce Barry re: 2nd Language. Ms. Dolan is teaching Spanish to the Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Superintendent's Report: Steven gave a verbal Superintendent's Report. Steven reported on the culmination of the after-school program re: pirates for the little people. Steven dressed with a parrot, tie, parrot and shirt, hat and patch. Steven commended the board for their help in passing the L&G budget. Townshend once again voted in favor. For the update on Act46 go to WCSU website and click on Jamaica Village School and you can see meeting minutes from their committees. The 4 choices are: closing the school, school choice, Pre-K-12 join with elementary level with Flood Brook, and status quo and then Pre-K-12 RED.

Marlboro posted their minutes for their meetings. The information meeting for New Brook was well attended.

Minutes for January 11, 2016: Brud asked to add to the minutes of 1-11-16 2 people agreed to volunteer to be on a committee for Act 46. The two people were Tricia Shine and Kris Jerz.

Cliff made a motion approve the consent calendar as amended. Motion carried.

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Treasurer and Financial Reports: Steven distributed these reports to the board. Bud is predicting that the budget will come out pretty close to budget in June.

Bills and Purchase Orders: Al made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Pay Order #49 \$6,522.46, Pay Order #50 \$16,250.04, Pay Order #51 \$10,424.58, Vendor Warrant PO #52 \$27,994.65, Pay Order #53 \$17,156.09, and Pay Order #54 \$7,187.95. No discussion. Motion carried.

Reports of Administration and Committees: None

Unfinished Business and General Orders

a. Town Meeting prep-notes/assumptions for FY 17 budget. Al mentioned the shifting in line items. The assessment for WCSU went up but other things went down. The board went thru the budget line by line. Early Ed Para Support was due to an increase in hours; Guidance Services Deborah will ask Bud why this went up shouldn't have- Administrative Assessment for WCSU went up Deborah will check with Bud on this- Auditing fees went out to bid and they came in lower; Building repairs- -Deborah will go over all the improvements that were made-she will give to the board for town meeting WCSU Assessment for Food Service \$1,000 up because of the overhead administrative costs at WCSU level.

Act 46: Nothing to report other than what Steven reported on. Next level of exploratory committee really means business, the committee members will be appointed and that study committee will have the authority to take this to the voters. This is the law.

New Business:

a. Policy Review: Board Meeting Agenda Preparation and Distribution
Steven distributed this policy to the board A2 (new number) it is on the website. The amended policy to read as follows: Regular Meeting Schedule: Regular meetings of the board will be held determined at the boards 1st March organization meeting. Brud made the motion to warn the A2 Policy Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation and Distribution as amended. Motion carried.

A-3 Public Participation at Board Meeting (this relates to C3)

Cliff made a motion to recode C3 to A3. Motion carried.

Steven mentioned to the board that he appreciates Eric Scott attending as a representative from Townshend at the WCSU Member Council meeting.

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Correspondence: None

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Pre-Town Meeting Information, February 22, 2016.
- b. Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2016 @ 9:05 a.m.
- c. TES School Board Meeting, March 14, 2016.

Executive Session: Negotiations

At 8:37 PM Cliff made a motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations. Brud, Al, Cliff, Steven and Deborah all included in the executive session.

At 8:51 PM Cliff made a motion to leave executive session.

Cliff made a motion to “move to ratify the tentative agreement between the WCEA and the WCSU member districts of the 2014-15 Master Agreement for Professional Staff.” Brud seconded the motion. Brud & Cliff approved and Al abstained.

Brud moved to close the meeting at 8:52 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder