

**HUUSD Board Meeting
26 October 2016
Harwood Library
6:00 PM**

Amended & Approved Minutes

Attendance

Board: Christine Sullivan, Chair; Jim Casey, Alexandra Thomsen, Sam Jackson, Heidi Spear, Peter Langella, Jill Ellis, Gabriel Gilman, Garrett MacCurtain, Maureen McCracken, Rosemarie White

Administration: Brigid Nease, Superintendent; Michele Baker, WWSU Director of Finance and Operations; Denise Goodnow, Thatcher Brook Primary School Principal

Public: Nicole Mace, VSBA; Jeff Francis, VT Superintendents Association; Lara Seaberg, minute taker; Greg Cisz, MRV-TV camera operator

Call to Order: Chair Christine Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Maureen McCracken added discussion to the Work Group Report section of the agenda on the topic of committees regarding new information from Nicole Mace of the VSBA.

Approval of Minutes: Rosemarie White made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12 October 2016 meeting as written. Jim Casey seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Information Items

- A. VSBA Training:** Nicole Mace provided training to the Board on **Budgeting in a Unified System** and **Negotiations in a Unified System**. Nicole Mace informed the Board of guidance from the Vermont Secretary of State's office pertaining to committees and work groups. There were training sessions and discussion regarding both budgeting and negotiations in the new unified district. Training ended at 8:34 PM.

Discussion Items

- A. Transitional Agreement Model:** Gabe Gilman shared the Transitional Agreement Model presented to the school district by Paul Giuliani, Esq. Mr. Gilman informed the Board of a land transfer case involving the school and town of Moretown. He would like to be sure that using the Transitional Agreement Model would be the appropriate course of action. Michelle Baker informed the Board that the Waterbury/Duxbury school district had used the Transitional Agreement Model process with Paul Giuliani in the past and she would recommend using it again. Nicole Mace also indicated Mr. Giuliani is knowledgeable and the attorney many school districts use for these matters. After discussion Alex Thomsen moved to have Paul Giuliani present to the Board and to add his presentation to a future agenda. Maureen McCracken seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.
- B. Work Group Reports:**
 - Facilities Committee:** Rosemarie White shared with the Board that the Facilities Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Future Facilities Committee meetings will be held

on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at different locations on a rotating basis. The next Facilities Committee meeting is 9 November 2016 at 3:30 at Harwood.

The Board discussed when the different work groups would meet. The Communications Committee and the Policy Committee will meet the first Wednesday of each month with times to be announced. The Negotiations Committee will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Facilities will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month, times and places to be announced.

Communications Committee: Maureen McCracken shared that the committee needs to elect a chairman. She also informed the Board that the committee needs to craft a survey and get it sent out. Peter Langella joined the Communications Committee. The next meeting of the communications committee is 2 November 2016.

C. HU Update: Brigid Nease gave an update on how things are at Harwood. Garrett MacCurtain commented on the teacher/student relationships at Harwood that he witnessed at the Celebration of Life. Rosemarie acknowledged the work of the administration to support the students and staff. Jim Casey asked how the administration was doing and if they were getting the support they needed.

D. Filling the Waterbury Vacancy: Brigid Nease informed the Board that the filling of the Waterbury vacancy is the responsibility of the Waterbury ghost board and that they need to post, advertise and meet about the vacancy within 30 days of the seat becoming vacant.

Action Items: None

Adjournment: On a motion made by Heidi Spear and seconded by Alex Thomsen the Board voted to adjourn at 9:35 PM.

Next meeting: The next HUUSD Board meeting is 9 November 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Harwood library.

Respectfully submitted,
Lara Seaberg
Minute taker