



**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009**

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**Board Members Present:** Ginny Burley, Chair; Conrad Smith, Clerk; Allen Gilbert, Emily Goyette, Adrienne Magida and Mike Stridsberg. Mark Berry, Vice-Chair arrived at 6:13.

**Administrators Present:** Keith Gerritt, Principal; Stephanie Taylor, HS Assistant Principal; Mark Mooney, MS Assistant Principal; Nancy Thomas, Assistant Superintendent & Director of Special Services

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

1.1 Reception of Guests

2.0 Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student discipline matter:

At 6:11 p.m., Allen Gilbert moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a student discipline matter. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously and the Board went into executive session.

At 7:06 p.m. Allen Gilbert moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously and the Board came out of executive session.

**Administrators Present:** Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator

**Student Representatives Present:** Excused [Studying for exams]

**Also Present:** Tracy Martin

3.0 Open Meeting – 7:10 p.m.

3.1 Reception of Guests: Ginny Burley welcomed Tracy Martin.

3.2 Agenda Revisions: None.

3.3 Public Comments and Correspondence: Ginny Burley shared an anonymous letter to the board regarding school budget issues.

Keith Gerritt reported on an email regarding some student behavior at a Harwood basketball game. Some discussion followed regarding this incident.

**4.0 Allen Gilbert moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2008 school board meeting. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.**

5.0 Reports to the Board

5.1 W. C. S. U.: Nancy Thomas reported that Kaiya Korb, the Principal at Calais Elementary is expected to give her resignation tonight at the Calais School Board meeting; she was offered and accepted the principal's position at Waitsfield Elementary School.

5.2 Policy: Allen Gilbert reported on the continued discussion on policies regarding memorials. He also reported on *school procedure* regarding "R-rated" films. Revised Substitute Teachers policy and Medications policy will be brought to the board for first readings at the next board meeting.

5.3 Curriculum: Adrienne Magida reported that the committee met today and reviewed some policies and intends to send the committee's notes and suggestions to the Policy Committee for consideration.

5.4 Personnel: No report.

5.5 Negotiations: Still waiting to hear back from the "fact finder" regarding teacher's contracts.

5.6 Facilities: No report.

5.7 Co-Curricular: This committee will meet on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

5.8 Student Representative's Report: No report.

5.9 Administrator's Report: Keith Gerritt commented on how spectacular the High School concert was. He also commented on the Art Show and that he felt the quality of the show was the best yet, possibly due to the new semester schedule which allowed for more preparation time. Keith also reported on exam schedules for the next three days. He apprised the Board of two upcoming meetings: a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Evening for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents on Wednesday at 7:00, and a Community Meeting to hear a progress report from the Raising U-32 to the Next Level Committee on Thursday at 6:30. Keith reported that at 6:30 on January 28<sup>th</sup> the WCSU Executive Committee invites board members to attend a meeting with state legislators.

Stephanie Taylor spoke about students positive reports from the Marine Bio trip to Bermuda, as well as six recent graduates who reported on their college experiences to the Senior Year Restructuring Committee.

5.10 Strategic Plan: Keith Gerritt reported that district administrators have planned a full day retreat to work on the Strategic Plan.

6.0 Discussion Agenda



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7.0 Action Agenda

7.1 Approve FY 2010 Budget Draft #3 & #4: Lori Bibeau presented budget and tax information to the board including: Three Prior Years Comparisons; WCSU Budget & Tax Information as of January 12, 2009; Explanation of Tax Rate Changes from Budget 2008-09 to Budget 2009-10; and Estimated Tax Calculations as of January 12, 2009 for each of our five towns.

**Allen Gilbert moved to approve the FY 2010 Budget for \$12,996,263.00 as presented. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.**

7.2 Approve U-32 District Warning: Emily Goyette moved to approve the warning as presented. Seconded by Michael Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.

7.3 Approve Participation in Winooski Valley Region Public School Choice Collaborative for SY 2009-10: Conrad Smith moved to approve this participation; seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried; Mark Berry abstained from this vote.

7.4 Approve Co-Curricular Advisor: Emily Goyette moved to approve Steve Colangeli as Greenhouse Advisor. Seconded by Adrienne Magida. Discussion followed regarding the duties/necessity of this position. This motion carried unanimously.

7.5 Resignations: Adrienne Magida moved to accept the following resignation. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

7.5.1 Danielle Ferreira 1.0 FTE Visual Arts Teacher

7.6 Appointments: Adrienne Magida moved to approve the following appointments. Seconded by Michael Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.

7.6.1 Aanika DeVries 0.70 FTE Science Teacher

7.6.2 Kelly Carpenter Food Service Worker

7.7 Allen Gilbert moved to accept the administration's recommendation regarding the student issue discussed earlier in Executive Session. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.

8.0 Mark Berry moved to approve the following board orders:

January 7, 2009	\$48,162.11	General
January 7, 2009	\$20,463.93	Food Services
January 7, 2009	\$3,525.00	Athletic Officials
December 18, 2008	\$130.00	Athletic Officials

Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.

9.0 Ideas for Future Agenda: Policy governance.

10.0 Board Comments: Ginny Burley shared an American School Board Journal article with the board.

11.0 Anticipated Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline, legal and/or personnel matters:

**At 8:36 pm, Michael Stridsberg moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a student matter. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously and the Board went into executive session.**

**At 8:58 p.m. Mike Stridsberg moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously and the Board came out of executive session.**

**In open session, Adrienne Magida moved to deny the request for a tuition waiver. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.**

12.0 Adjournment: At 9:01 p.m., without taking further action, the Chair adjourned the Board meeting, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt  
Board Recording Secretary  
&  
Conrad Smith  
Board Clerk