



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

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Board Members Present: Mark Berry, Ginny Burley, Allen Gilbert, Emily Goyette, Adrienne Magida, Mike Stridsberg and Conrad Smith

Administrators Present: Keith Gerritt, Principal; Stephanie Taylor, HS Assistant Principal; Tim Flynn, Special Services & Programs Director and Robbe Brook, Superintendent

Student Representatives Present: Caitlyn Couture

Also Present: Anne Decker and Michelle McFadden

- 1.0. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Principal, Keith Gerritt.
 - 1.1. Reception of Guests – Keith Gerritt welcomed those present.
 - 1.2. Agenda revisions – None
 - 1.3. Public comments and correspondence – None
- 2.0. Board Reorganization
 - 2.1. Elect a Chairperson – Mark Berry nominated Ginny Burley. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg. No other nominations were made; this motion carried unanimously and Ginny Burley assumed the Chair.
 - 2.2. Elect a Vice-Chairperson – Emily Goyette nominated Mark Berry. Seconded by Allen Gilbert. No other nominations were made; this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.3. Elect a Clerk – Allen Gilbert nominated Emily Goyette. Seconded by Adrienne Magida. No other nominations were made; this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.4. Establish the time and day for regular monthly meetings – Mark Berry moved to stay with the current 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.5. Establish the newspaper for official posting – Mark Berry moved that The Times Argus be the newspaper for official posting. Seconded by Emily Goyette, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.6. Elect a representative and alternate to the Washington Central Executive Committee – Allen Gilbert nominated Ginny Burley. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.
Alternate: Mark Berry nominated Adrienne Magida. Seconded by Emily Goyette, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.6.A. Elect three members to WCSU Full Board – Allen Gilbert nominated Ginny Burley, Adrienne Magida and Conrad Smith. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.7. Elect a representative and alternate to the Washington Central Policy Committee – Allen Gilbert nominated Mark Berry. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.
Alternate: Allen Gilbert nominated Mike Stridsberg. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.8. Elect a representative and alternate to the Washington Central Negotiations Committee – Adrienne Magida nominated Mark Berry with Ginny Burly as alternate. Seconded by Conrad Smith, this motion carried with one abstention (Mike Stridsberg.)
 - 2.9. Elect a representative to the Washington Central Transportation Committee – Adrienne Magida nominated Conrad Smith. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.10. Appoint a Truant Officer – Adrienne Magida nominated Dan Violette. Seconded by Emily Goyette, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.11. Establish U-32 Board Committee Memberships – Allen Gilbert moved that the committee memberships remain status quo; seconded by Mike Stridsberg. This motion was amended to include Emily Goyette on the Finance Committee. This motion as amended carried unanimously.
 - 2.11.1. Finance – Allen Gilbert, Ginny Burley, Conrad Smith and Emily Goyette
 - 2.11.2. Policy – Mark Berry, Allen Gilbert and Mike Stridsberg
 - 2.11.3. Curriculum – Adrienne Magida, Ginny Burley and Emily Goyette
 - 2.11.4. Personnel – Mark Berry and Ginny Burley
 - 2.11.5. Co-Curricular – Emily Goyette and Adrienne Magida
 - 2.11.6. Facilities & Capital Budget – Conrad Smith, Mike Stridsberg and Ginny Burley
 - 2.11.7. Negotiations – Mark Berry, Ginny Burley
 - 2.12. Appoint Representative to Barre Technical Center Regional Advisory Board – Allen Gilbert nominated Ginny Burley. Seconded by Emily Goyette, this motion carried unanimously.
- 3.0. Consent Agenda – Allen Gilbert moved to approve both minutes as written. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 3.1. Minutes of February 11, 2009 *Special* School Board Meeting
 - 3.2. Minutes of February 18, 2009 School Board Meeting



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4.0. Reports to the Board

- 4.1. W. C. S. U. – Robbe Brook noted that a “kick off” meeting is scheduled for Monday (March 9 from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.) to gather together people from all interested groups/parties and work out “roles and responsibilities” regarding WCSU Central Office facility relocation. Robbe also noted that the WCSU Full Board has a reorganization meeting planned for March 25, 2009.
- 4.2. Policy – The committee discussed a waiver request for the fundraising policy; this will be brought to the March 18th board meeting for discussion.
- 4.3. Curriculum – Adrienne Magida reported that the committee has made some proposed changes to the honor roll policy and will now pass it along to the policy committee. The committee has already looked briefly at the Materials Selection policy and will talk more about that policy in April. Committee discussion of “Pass/Fail” is currently underway. Some discussion followed regarding “weighting” courses. Adrienne Magida reported that the committee, after much discussion, decided not to have courses be “weighted.”
- 4.4. Personnel – No report.
- 4.5. Negotiations – No report.
- 4.6. Facilities & Capital Budget – No report.
- 4.7. Co-Curricular – Emily Goyette reported that the committee is working on a “per pupil” cost analysis of co-curricular activities for the board’s perusal/consideration.
- 4.8. Student Representative’s Report – Caitlyn reported that a U-Band assembly took place today.
- 4.9. Administrator’s Report – Keith Gerritt reported on the Lotus Lake 7th grade outing that took place before February break. Keith also distributed to the board the *WCSU School Start Time and Busing Proposals* stating that he wanted school board members to have this document before the next board meeting where this topic will be on the agenda. Allen Gilbert asked whether this document is available online for the communities. Keith Gerritt stated that he would make sure it is made available. Some discussion followed.
- 4.10. Strategic Plan – Robbe Brook reported that work continues on the Strategic Plan.

5.0. Discussion Agenda

- 5.1. Policy Discussion – Ginny Burley opened discussion about some issues in the Drugs and Alcohol Policy and the Weapons Policy. The Policy Committee will make some proposed changes to the Drugs and Alcohol Policy to bring back to the board. Some discussion followed regarding knives, in relation to the Weapons Policy. Mark Berry suggested that some time, e.g., in TA, be spent educating students on “Legal Health” or “Securing your Future” or other ways to talk about consequences for behavior choices.
- 5.2. Policy Third Reading
 - 5.2.1. Class Attendance Policy-F25

6.0. Action Agenda

- 6.1. Adopt Policies
 - 6.1.1. Class Attendance Policy-F25 – Mike Stridsberg moved to approve this policy. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.**
- 6.2. Approve Fund Raising Policy Waiver – Tabled until the next meeting.
- 6.3. Resignations – None.
- 6.4. Appointments – None.

7.0. Mark Berry moved to approve the following board orders:

March 4, 2009	\$59,942.13	General
March 4, 2009	\$19,270.49	Food Services

Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

- 8.0. Ideas for Future Agenda – Policy Governance, April 1st; WCSU Central Office Facility (this item to be included on next few board agendas); Alternatives to expulsion.
- 9.0. Board Comments – Ginny Burley asked the board to consider at a future meeting if any other measures should be taken on the part of the U-32 Board to communicate further or collaborate, etc. with Montpelier, in light of enrollment, economy, etc.? For example: what are the unmet needs of each/ both schools that a joint effort might help?
- 10.0. Anticipated Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline, legal, negotiations and/or personnel matters – None.
- 11.0. Adjournment – There being no further business, the board adjourned by consensus at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Stoudt, Board Recording Secretary