



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

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Board Members Present: Ginny Burley, Vice-Chair; Conrad Smith, Clerk; Allen Gilbert, Emily Goyette, Adrienne Magida.

Administrators Present: Keith Gerritt, Principal, Stephanie Taylor, HS Assistant Principal, Mark Mooney, MS Assistant Principal; Robbe Brook, Superintendent.

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 5:06 by Chair, Ginny Burley.

2.0 Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline matters

At 5:07, upon motion of Allen Gilbert, seconded by Emily Goyette, and approved unanimously, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a student disciplinary matter.

At 6:02 p.m., upon motion of Allen Gilbert, seconded by Emily Goyette, and again approved unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session.

Student Representatives Present: Ben Daut and Caitlyn Couture.

Others Present: Ed Deegan, Mary Ellen Hill, Maggie Desch, Michelle McFadden, Jeff Rubin, Caleb Fairris, and Billie Lynne Corrette.

3.0 The open portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

At 6:04, in open session, Allen Gilbert, seconded by Adrienne Magida, moved to approve the administration's recommendation in the matter heard and discussed in Executive Session; the motion passed unanimously.

3.1 All guests were welcomed.

3.2 Agenda Revisions – None.

3.3 Public Comments and Correspondence – A parent shared her request that her son be allowed to continue to attend U-32 while their housing situation is unresolved. Keith Gerritt explained that a formal waiver request will be processed and brought to the Board of Directors.

7.0 Action Agenda – Part I

7.1 Approve Site Recommendation for Relocation of WCSU Central Office: Keith Gerritt presented the proposed site for WCSU Central Office to the board. Keith and Conrad Smith fielded questions from the board and some guests present.

Allen Gilbert moved to approve Site 3A, adjacent to the football field, as the proposed site for WCSU Central Office. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Adrienne Magida moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008 school board meeting. Seconded by Conrad Smith. Allen Gilbert suggested two edits. This motion carried unanimously, with the noted edits.

5.0 Reports to the Board

5.1 Finance Report: Allen Gilbert reported that a first draft of the budget has been previewed by the Finance Committee. The committee continues to discuss the Capital Fund.

5.2 Policy: Allen Gilbert reported on the policies this committee is currently working.

5.3 Curriculum: No report.

5.4 Facilities: No report.

5.5 Negotiations: Ginny Burley reported that fact finders' reports have been submitted and within 30 days a response will be received. The process continues to move along.

5.6 Vermont School Boards' Association: Ginny Burley reported briefly on VSBA.

5.7 Student Representative's Report: Ben Daut asked the administration and the board why no moment of silence has been observed to recognize the passing of a recent U-32 graduate. He expressed the grief felt by the student body. Keith Gerritt acknowledged the profound sadness felt by the U-32 community. Keith explained that a death by suicide places the school in an especially sensitive situation. Concern for other potentially fragile students requires caution in deciding how the deceased will be memorialized.

Adrienne Magida commended U-32 on the fall play. Allen Gilbert commended the film that he viewed "The Apartment: Admit One to Adulthood."

5.8 Administrator's Report: Keith Gerritt reported that the Action Plan Committee has met and is beginning discussion of next year's goals.



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Keith Gerritt reported that the supervisory union's automated alert system has been tested. Keith reported that the Fall Sports Dessert took place and the board acknowledged Abby Allen and Will Gilbert as recipients of the Principal's Award

Stephanie Taylor reported that she has been meeting with some teachers and administrators supervisory-union-wide to discuss data collection and analysis.

5.9 Strategic Plan: No report.

6.0 Discussion Agenda

6.1 FY08 Draft Audit Report – David Angolano CPA reviewed this written audit report.

7.0 Action Agenda – Part II

7.2 Approve FY08 Draft Audit Report: Allen Gilbert moved to approve the FY08 Audit Report. Seconded by Emily Goyette, this motion carried unanimously.

7.3 Designate Board Members to Vote at WCSU Meeting on December 11: Allen Gilbert nominated Adrienne Magida, Conrad Smith and Ginny Burley. Seconded by Emily Goyette, this motion carried unanimously.

7.4 Approve Winter Athletics Coaches: Adrienne Magida moved to approve Winter Athletics Coaches. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

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

7.5.1 Nathalie Cameron FT Food Service Worker

7.6 Appointments: Adrienne Magida moved to approve this appointment. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

7.6.1 Russell Shannon FT Maintenance & Mechanics

8.0 Adrienne Magida moved to approve the following board orders:

November 19, 2008 \$81,413.98 General

November 19, 2008 \$40.00 Athletic Officials

Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

9.0 Ideas for Future Agenda: None.

10.0 Board Comments: None.

11.0 Anticipated Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline, legal and/or personnel matters: None.

12.0 At 8:23 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