

In Attendance: Kathy Hege, Glen Beattie, David Dezendorf, Judy Tietz, Al Claussen, Board Members, Deborah Leggott, Principal Kris Jerz, Joyce Russ, Members of the Public Judy Hawkins, Recorder, Tina Shakespere, Interim Asst. Superintendent

Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Glen made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2006. Minutes were approved with no discussion. Motion carried.

Additions & Deletions: Glen would like to have a discussion regarding the length of the board meetings. He feels they are getting too lengthy.

Members of the Public: None

Bills & Purchase Orders: David made a motion to approve purchase order #PO #14 \$14,906.27, PO #15 \$6,698.75, PO# 16 \$394,364.48. A discussion ensued re: PO #16. L&G, Roof and WCSU checks will be on hold. David made a motion to amend PO #16 to \$393,514.48. Motion carried. A discussion took place re: Dick's Lock Repair: Deborah explained that it was okay to pay because it was Mary Ann's door and the gym door. Kathy asked if we wanted to pay our dues to the Vermont School Board Association. A discussion took place. Kathy would like some questions answered before we pay the bill. The motion carried.

Principal's Report: Deborah gave a comprehensive report. First day of school celebration was great. School Club officers stayed to meet with all the parents. Grandparents Day was today and there were about 50 grandparents attending. On 9/11 the students participated in a moment of silence and they did the pledge together. We had a very fine school inspection at 99%. TES was one of two schools in the state to receive this high mark. Roof project. We have one more day on the roof and it will be complete. There is one concern regarding the snow guard. Deborah will talk with the project manager and explain that the board remembers that snow guards would be installed in the original proposal. TES currently has an enrollment of 91 students.

Superintendent's Report: Tina passed out an update sheet on the happenings at WCSU. There is a timeline set for establishing goals, evaluations. David asked that the Administrators Retreat be changed to a different time of year. It is a bad time of year because they need the administrators to be present at that time. Brent Kay is accessing the WCSU functions. The report is suppose to be available this week. Kathy felt the board was not asked for their opinion. It was a Power Point presentation and no input was obtained. Deborah had the same opinion of this presentation. Tina would like to welcome Casey Deane, the new Language Arts Coordinator for the district. The mentor program is underway. 4 teachers have been trained. Ann Allbee has agreed to be our Mentor Leader.

Old Business:

Police Service Update: We finished our contract last year with Windham County Sheriff Dept. The State Police is not in a position to act as a

truant officer. Someone need to go to the Select board to see if Windham County Sheriff Office has in its charter to be truant officers. Kathy will check into this and get back to the board.

Bus driver update: On September 13, 2006 Andrea will be taking 2 more tests for her CDL. If she passes these tests she will then get a date to take her driving test? The bus is actually backing into Brud Sanderson's driveway without the proper signs. There is not enough space to turn the bus around at Route 100. Kathy suggested that we continue to have Penny Harrington continue to turn the bus around in the Sanderson driveway until we get a permanent driver. This will need to be revisited.

Non-Licensed Personnel Policy discussion: There needs to be 26 contractual hours for non-licensed part-time employees. David asked if we would want it to be for one job and would the board want this for benefit purposes? Al suggested we consult labor laws before making this determination. Tina will talk with a labor attorney and get back to the board.

Nutrition Policy discussion: David made a motion to warn the policy as written. Motion carried. Deborah will post this policy.

Fitness Policy discussion: David made a motion to warn the policy as written. Discussion ensued. A teacher asked Kathy to bring to the board re: the recess rule. It is felt that sometimes it works better if a child can remain in for recess to complete work. Deborah has asked the staff not to use this as a regular consequence. Motion carried. Deborah will post this one also.

2006 Financial Questions: Comparison between preliminary and the final statistics. We have not received an update from Frank. Kathy asked for a discussion. Kathy's biggest objection was adding the check back in to the fuel oil. Kathy does not like this accounting practice. It was the feeling that the board should get an electronic copy the Friday before the board meeting. This is not happening. Kathy asked if the board would like a meeting with Frank Rucker. The board agrees that we need a meeting with him. Deborah will ask Frank to attend the September 25th meeting to discuss finances.

Everyone has asked for a final check register and this is not happening. Deborah has some of these in a 3 ring binder in her office. A discussion ensued regarding the check register. Andrea needs these to balance the bank statements. The auditors also need these. Deborah is not getting all of these consistently.

New Business: Tax Payment discussion with Select Board: Kathy received word that the town treasurer is going to cause us some difficulties. She was not going to transfer the money in a timely manner unless she got a warrant from the Select Board. She is by law to turn over the money to us within 20 days We have money due in our hands this Thursday. It is approximately \$450,000. Kathy would like direction from the Board as to what to do if we don't have the money? Tina gave a report from the lawyer and he said you need to determine what has happened in the past. This is totally new this year because we always paid taxes once a year not quarterly. What was in the agreement? Tina will be talking with the town treasurer tomorrow and then has to get back to the lawyer. The board authorized Judy to contact the town treasurer tomorrow. Kathy will call

the state if we don't have a letter from them by Wednesday.

Length of meetings: Glen had mentioned that he would like the board to discuss the length of the board meetings. He suggested that maybe we could have one meeting to deal with policies. A lengthy discussion ensued. Kathy would like the board to follow a more formal approach to the meetings. A Motion was made to close the debate. Motion carried.

#### Committee Updates:

Executive/Super Board-Brent Kay meeting at TES:

This was discussed by Tina above. There will be a Super Board meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at LGUHS at 7:00 p.m.

Policy: Nothing to discuss. Jim is trying to put together a proposal that is more efficient. He is trying to work out a procedure for district wide policies. David suggested some one from the policy committee lead the boards to tighten up the policies for the district. Tina will keep the board informed.

Technology: David reported on this committee. They will start looking at what they want the job description for the Technology Coordinator to look like. There will be a meeting on September 21st at TES at 6:00 pm.

Correspondence: None

#### Upcoming Meetings:

WCSU Executive/Super Board meeting with Winton Goodrich (Superintendent search guidelines)

This meeting will be at LGUHS on Wednesday, September 13th. Three board members need to attend from TES. Judy, David and Kathy will attend the meeting. There needs to be clear, concise guidelines for the search committee. Kathy asked the board to think of things we want to see in a Superintendent.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: David a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Judy Hawkins  
Recorder