

TSB Minutes
@ Townshend Elementary School
7:00 pm .
9-13-10 Approved Minutes

Present: Craig Hunt, David Dezendorf, Beth Cutts, April Chase, Kimberly Liebow, Members of the Board, Heidi Russ, Administrative Assistant, Charles Marchant, Andrea Royce, Walter Royce, Kris Jerz, Sandy Judd, Members of the Public, Steven John, Superintendent, (arrived at 7:50 p.m.) Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Absent: Deborah Leggott

David called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Additions and Deletions: David asked to add Members of Public: New Business: H. Charles Marchant re: storm damage that took place at the Townshend Fire House and I. Signing an amendment to water disinfection system.

Members of the Public: Charlie Marchant came to discuss the storm damage that took place at the Townshend Fire House. The major issue that faces the firehouse is the fact that when a fire in town requires coverage from another department, none of the other trucks in the surrounding towns can fit in the bays. Our trucks were modified so as to fit in the bays; this was done at additional costs. Charlie (representing the fire dept.) attended the meeting to ask the school board and the town if they could add onto the school's septic system. The current proposal is that this would not cost the town any money. The fire department will take this expense on as it stands right now. A lengthy discussion ensued. David would like to continue to communicate with the Agency of Natural Resources and have some questions answered. He will report back to the board when he has the information. Craig made a motion to continue to communicate with the Agency of Natural Resources. Motion carried.

Craig made a motion to take the agenda out of order and discuss the Windham Hill Bus stop. Motion carried.

At the August 9th TES board meeting Deborah and Steven were directed to communicate with John Doty, principal of the Windham School, regarding the possibility of transporting 2 students on the Windham bus that travels to LGUHS and passes directly by their home. One student is at LGUHS and the board would need to discuss this with the LGUHS board. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Judd is willing to pay this herself, but David said she would have to discuss this with the Windham School Board.

Andrea and Walter Royce are having difficulty getting their daughter to school. A discussion ensued. Beth made a motion to add a stop at West Hill both morning and afternoon. Motion carried with one abstention.

Consent Calendar: David asked to have the Principal's Report pulled from Consent Calendar.

Superintendent Report was approved by unanimous consent.

Craig made a motion to approve the minutes for August 9, 2010. David had the following correction: Under Bills and Purchase Orders: A motion was made to separate PO#10 into 2 PO's. Craig and David voted not in favor. MEC roofing PO #11 was approved with Beth Cutts recusing herself. Motion carried to approve the minutes with the above corrections.

Principal's Report: Technology: David asked where the additional stipend was coming from for the teachers. Kris Jerz explained this was thru a workshop that the teachers signed up for. ARRA funds paid for the teachers to allow them to attend the conference. Townshend funds did not pay for this. Heidi (for Deborah) said that Rick Hege refurbished 11 laptops and wanted to know how the board wanted to handle selling these laptops. Heidi will let Deborah know the board feels comfortable to sell the laptops for \$50, but if Deborah comes across a needy family she can give them out but they come with no support. The board approved this will unanimous consent.

Treasurer and financial reports: David will reiterate to the treasurer that we will need financial reports.

Bills and Purchase Orders: Kim made a motion to pay Payroll PO #11A \$12,153.50, Payroll PO #12 \$6,188.22, Payroll PO #13 \$13,802.58, Payroll PO #14 \$9,485.73, Payroll PO #15 \$14,609.46, and Payroll PO #16 \$7,200.78. Motion carried to pay payroll. David made a motion to pay Vendor Warrant PO 17 \$120,390.76. and tell treasurer to hold until remaining August tax payment is received. The motion was amended to hold WCSU check until the remaining August tax payment is received. The PO #17 is now in the amount of \$77,008.75. All other checks will be sent out. Craig recused himself and the motion carried.

Reports of Administration and Committees:

A. Policy: None

B. Technology: Kim presented the minutes from the technology committee.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- A. Tax Anticipation payment from Town of Townshend: We will be receiving this within the next several days.
- B. Windham Hill bus stop: See under Members of the Public
- C. Tax Anticipation Note: David reported that the tax anticipation note that was signed had to be re-signed. It got lost in the mail.

New Business:

- A. Class size policies: This needs to be decided by January. A lengthy discussion ensued. The WCSU policy committee will discuss this on Wednesday night. Steven doesn't think this will be a WCSU wide policy.
- B. Volunteer Criminal Background Check reminder: David wants to remind everyone that all volunteers have criminal background check.
- C. School bus maintenance: David said we have received notice that the school bus did pass inspection. The underbody is somewhat soft. It could last 2 to 3 years. The board needs to be aware of this at some point.
- D. 2012 budget directive to Principal and Superintendent: Steven said we need to get from the board the challenge for change. Do you want Deborah and Principal to come back with how this would work and how savings could be made? A lengthy discussion ensued. Kim reported that she will be coming in with some suggestions from the technology committee. Challenge for Change: The board asked Steven to come back to the board with what he can do with a couple scenarios. David suggested doing one scenario with a \$50,000 reduction without a RIF and the other scenario with a RIF.
- E. Truancy Policy: (F25) Three versions of this policy were distributed to the board for their review, 8/11/08 is the current one. Kim made a motion to use the F25 Truancy Policy and change the wording from Townshend Elementary School to LGUHS and make the Student Attendance/Truancy Policy F25.1 Craig made a motion to warn policy F25.1 as Student Attendance/Truancy Policy. Motion carried.
- F. Discuss warning a Townshend School District meeting to set time and possibly date of 2011 Townshend School District Annual Meeting: David will ask the clerk to have this put on the agenda at one of the select board meetings. David will bring his findings back to the board.
- G. Input to Superintendent for 2012 School Year Calendar: Regional superintendents are starting to build the calendar for 2012. David requested if anyone has any suggestions for changes on the calendar to bring it to the board.
- H. Sign Amendment to the Water Disinfection System: A letter was received from the water division. David read the letter to the board. There will be an emergency meeting if needed for the board to direct the board chair and the clerk to sign the letter.

Correspondence: David distributed the water flow report for the month of August to the board for their review. Heidi was asked to give to Deborah to file.

Upcoming Meetings:

- A. WCSU Board of Directors meeting VSBA Presentation of Act 153-Act 146, September 15, 2010 6:30 p.m. at Townshend Elementary. Beth made a motion to have David, April and Craig attend this meeting. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Contract Negotiations Preparation: None since it will be generalities.

Contract Negotiations Preparation: There will be many different processes and procedures discussed at contract negotiations.

Kim made a motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder