

WCSU Board Reorganization Minutes

March 31st 2010 7:00 p.m.

Leland and Gray

WCSU will provide member districts with the leadership and resources to ensure a strong education system for all students

Attendance: April Wellman, Brookline; Richard Werner, Laura Sibilgia, Traci Alfonso, Dover; Wesley Ameden, Drew Hazelton, Dale West, Jamaica; Emily Long, Ralph Sherman, Bruce Parlman, Jay Urato, Howard Ires, Leland and Gray UHS; Lauren Poster, Augusta Bartlett, Jen Carr, Marlboro; Kim Friedman, Brandy Pickering, Kim Colligan, Pam Meihak, Newfane; David Dezendorf, April Chase, Beth Cutts, Townshend; Mary Gene Landeryou, Wardsboro; Antje Ruppert, Beth McDonald, Windham; Scott Bushee, Martin Nadler, Mark Eichhorn, Winhall; Steven John, Frank Rucker, Abby Dillon, Matt Martyn, WCSU; Francie Marbury, Marlboro Principal; Bruce Garrow, Newfane Principal; Betty Ann Runge, Brookline Principal; Deborah Leggott, Townshend Principal; Bill Anton, Dover Principal, Rosemary Fitzsimons, Wardsboro Principal, John Doty, Windham Principal; Laura Hazard, Jamaica Principal.

Call to order: Steven John Called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Lauren Poster nominated Emily Long to serve as Chair. Laura Sibilgia nominated Richer Werner to serve as Chair. Emily Long elected Chair by paper vote of 11-9. Emily took over chairing the meeting.

Vice Chair: David Dezendorf nominated Rich Werner to serve as Vice chair.

Rich declined the nomination and nominated David Dezendorf as Vice chair. Seeing no other nominations, David was elected Vice Chair by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk: No nomination or volunteers for Clerk. Laura Sibilgia said she would serve as long as she wasn't required to provide meeting minutes. Laura from Dover unanimously elected Clerk.

Signatories: Kim Friedman MOVED to have the WCSU Officers approved as signatories. April seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Paper of Record: David MOVED to have the Brattleboro Reformer be the paper of record. Lauren seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Regular Meetings: Steven mentioned Wednesday works best for WCSU meetings as no other district meetings occur on Wednesday. Laura MOVED WCSU should hold regular meetings on the Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm. The motion carries.

Policy Committee: Members of the Policy Committee will be determined by each District School Board. They are expected to be available on an as-needed basis.

Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2010: David MOVED to approve the minutes of January 27, 2010. Lauren seconded the motion. The motion carries.

New Business:

Agency Fund Budget Proposal presented by Frank Rucker, CFO. Kim Friedman MOVED to approve the Agency Fund Budget of \$717,866. Lauren seconded the motion. No further discussion and the Agency Fund Budget was approved.

Lauren MOVED to approve the budgets for Medicaid, EPSDT, and Explorers Camp for the amount of \$269,558. Kim seconded the motion. The motion carries.

By general consent the Board approved moving the new board member orientation to a later meeting.

Old Business:

By general consent the retreat (board training) is scheduled for May 19 (tentatively at Brookline) starting at 5pm.

By general consent the annual meeting will be on May 26, 7pm at Jamaica.

Reports:

WCSU Strategic Plan report presented by Steven. Board members expressed great appreciation for the format, thoroughness, and depth of this document. General discussion ensued. Steven responded to questions and comments.

Governance Committee

Emily Long reviewed the history of this committee. At their most recent meeting they decided they wanted to pursue: voluntary collaboration of boards of similar schools. The committee was approved to continue meeting as it was originally charged – to explore the creation of a more efficient and centralized governance structure for WCSU specifically to further investigate voluntary collaboration and to focus our governance changes on Roles and Responsibilities training and strategic planning.

Other Business:

Steven informed everyone of a Senate Education Committee meeting at Mt. Anthony MS, April 6, 5:30-7:30. The agenda is included in the latest legislative report.

Upcoming meetings are noted above.

Executive Session:

Rich Werner moved to go into Executive Session at 9:12 for to discuss personnel, 2nd by David. The motion carries.

Rich Werner MOVED to leave executive session. David seconded the motion. The motion carries and the WCSU Board of Directors' left executive session at 9:52 p.m.

Resolution: David MOVED to direct Rich Werner and Emily Long to clarify the Superintendent's self-evaluation and allow the WCSU Board of Directors' to complete the Superintendent's evaluation during the WCSU Annual Meeting scheduled for May 26, 2010. Lauren Poster seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Adjourn: David MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Lauren seconded the motion. The motion carries and the WCSU Board of Directors' meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Francie Marbury.

*Core Values: Place students at the center of decision making
Build trust and respect by acting ethically, transparently and with integrity
Operate as a community of learners, committed to developing the skills and capabilities of all
Collaborate, share and seek creative solutions*