Townshend School Board Special Meeting w/Stephen Dale Minutes 30 March, 2011 6:30PM Leland and Gray UHS/UMS

Attendance April Chase, Ellie Lemire, David Dezendorf, Townshend School Board; Deborah Leggott, Townshend Principal; Stephen John, WCSU Superintendent; Stephen Dale, Executive Director Vt School Boards' Association

1. Call to Order: April called the committee meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Discussion with Stephen Dale: Stephen Dale visited to learn why the Townshend School Board is the only school board in Vermont not a member of the Vermont School Boards' Association.

A. David explained the issues arising from the July 23, 2003 – July 26, 2004 collaboration discussions and why this led to the Townshend School Board not paying the Vermont School Board dues in September 27, 2004.

B. Stephen Dale discussed the role of the Vermont School Board and how it supports the education of Board members, advocates for School Boards at the local, state, and national levels, and facilitates communication where common ground can be reached on the needs, goals and continuous improvement of education.

C. Several members discussed the need to review the benefits of membership with the Vermont School Boards' Association when the budget for FY2013 is started.

3. Adjourn: By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Sincerely,

David Dezendorf, Townshend Vice Chair.