

December 15, 2011

Westmoreland School Board
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Attending

Debra Hunter, Board Member
Michael Acerno, Board Member
Kurt Martin, Board Member
Stuart Adams, Board Member
Mark P. Hayward, Jr. Principal
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent
Tim Ruehr, Business Manager (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
Debra J. Nelson, Recording Secretary

- Call to Order: Mrs. Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- Public Input: None
- Approval of Minutes: A motion by Mr. Acerno to accept the minutes of November 17, 2011 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Martin, a vote of 4-0 the motion passed
- Bills and Manifest: A motion by Mr. Martin to accept the Bills and Manifest check numbers 8003981-8004016 in the amount of \$114,113.02 and check numbers 800147-800148 in the amount of \$25,753.00, seconded by Mr. Acerno, a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.
- Financial Report moved to later this evening.
- Reports:
 - Principal Hayward reports the letter writing program is a huge success and has been very positive. The PTA Book Fair this past week did very well. The annual PTA raffle wrapped up last night at the Holiday concert and raised in excess of \$4,600 this year. RtI – the Elementary committee met today and the scheduling committee met last week and are seeking input from staff et al for changes of improvement for next year. Common assessment was discussed and the possibility of adding a new phonics program for the primary classes. Blizzard bags have been placed on hold but Mr. Hayward has received information from the state regarding the various requirements required. The Student Council annual food drive is underway. Mr. Hayward is working on plans for the January workshop day with more information to come.
- Financial Report (continued): Mr. Ruehr passed a budget status report to all Board Members showing a net available balance of (\$66,528.00). Mr. Ruehr also passed each Board Member a 2012-2013 budget book and gave a brief overview and noted the Budget Work Session Day, January 7, 2012. Mr. Martin distributed an updated copy of the 5 year maintenance plan to all board members.
- A motion by Mrs. Hunter at 7:25 pm to go into Non-Public Session RSA 91 A-3, seconded by Mr. Acerno, a vote of 4-0 the motion passed. Accompanying the Board was Mr. Hayward, Mr. Woolridge and Mr. Ruehr.

- The meeting re-opened to public session at 8:00 p.m..
- VI. Reports (continued)
 - Mr. Woolridge Co-Superintendent: reports that one Westmoreland student at Keene High School has missed 8 days. Mr. Woolridge and other administrators have met with Legislators and projections are that less revenue will be received for the 2012-2013 school year in all areas. Federal revenue will also be down. Block scheduling at KHS discussion is continuing. The Keene Board has voted 8-1 to close Jonathan Daniels School. High School tuition is pretty even with others across the state, Keene Middle School and elementary schools continue to be high. The SAU budget for 2012-2013 is up due to the amount of searches for top administration that will need to be done. Mr. Woolridge outlined the search process for Co-Superintendent Gurney who will retire June 30, 2013 and answered board member questions regarding the plan and process.
 - SAU 29 Committees: Mrs. Hunter attended the Education Committee meeting which included a discussion regarding KHS block scheduling. There seems to be a lot of confusion on part of the staff, students and parents regarding blocks and “skinny” blocks and how it will fit and work in the schedule as well as to make that work 13 minutes would have to be added to the school day. Adding time to the day will impact the middle school, elementary schools and town schools as well as the sending schools to the Cheshire Center.
 - PTA/WYSBO: Mrs. Hunter reports there was not a December meeting as that was the PTA Craft Night. WYSBO will be hosting the boys’ basketball tournament and asked for use of the multi-purpose room to have a concession stand to help raise funds. Mr. Acerno made a motion to waive the building use fee for this purpose, seconded by Mr. Adams, a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.
 - Other: None
- Old Business:
 - Health/PE Curriculum and Position-moved to Non-Public Session RSA 91 A:3
- New Business:
 - Designation of Board Representative for SAU Structural Review Committee-Moved to January agenda.
- Future Agendas:
 - Designation of Board Representation for SAU Structural Review Committee
 - 2012-3013 School Calendar
- Public Input II: None
- Non-Public Session-RSA 91-A:3-A motion by Mrs. Hunter at 8:25 pm to go into Non-Public Session-RSA 91-A:3, seconded by Mr. Acerno, a vote of 4-0 the motion passed. Accompanying the Board were Mr. Hayward and Mr. Woolridge.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Debra J. Nelson, Recording Secretary
 APPROVED: 1/19/12