

**Unified School District No. 36**  
**Waits River School District Board of Directors**

**Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**Time: 6:00 pm Board Meeting**

**Place: Remote through Zoom**

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Members present: Stacy Emerson, Ken Schaffer, Jason Rogers, Joe Nolin, Sarah Nolin, Hank Buemeyer.

School representation: Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni, Principal, Bruce Williams, Asst. Superintendent, Dick Kelley, Treasurer

Community Guests: Stephen Kelley

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 6:06

Board Business: Welcome Hank Buemeyer as our new WRVS board member.

Agenda Review/Approval: No agenda items altered

Approve 2.25.11 Board Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes with changes to the members present and guests separated by Joe Nolin and seconded by Sarah Nolin. All voted in favor, the motion carried. Hank Buemeyer abstained.

Correspondence: We received a letter from Mr. Kelley to request funds (Universal Preschool funds) to assist with the costs associated with an alternative kindergarten (Upper Valley Waldorf in Quechee). These funds are allocated for prekindergarten programming (preK) not seemingly intended for Kindergarten. Mr. Kelley was advised to complete the paperwork associated with Universal Preschool and allow the system to complete the process of access. The forms can be accessed through WRVS or OESU. Additionally, contacts for assistance were discussed.

A letter was received by Donna Otterman (Topsham resident) requesting that the board consider use of Australian Ballot for the Spring Annual Meeting. This is made due to the restrictions of the current pandemic and she was advocating for potential increase in participation/voice.. This will be discussed further in the agenda, during the annual meeting agenda line.

Contracts: A letter of resignation was received and read from Marissa Navedo (fourth grade teacher). Stacy Emerson made a motion to accept the resignation, Joe Nolin seconded the motion. All were in

favor, the motion carried. The WRVS school board noted their appreciation of Ms. Navedo's commitment to WRVS for the 2020-21 academic year and wished her the best of luck.

Board Orders: Sarah Nolin made a motion to approve board orders in the amount of \$106,638.87 (\$82,588.00/Washington Central Unified- \$10,510.67- Rivendell State Interstate school) Motion was seconded by Hank Buermeyer. No discussion. All voted in favor, the motion carried.

Public Comment: No others (Mr. J. Kelley spoke at correspondence)

Treasurer's Report: Payables done today- Corinth check for a bit over \$400,000.00 was received. Current balance of +\$500,000.00. Final payments from both towns and the State checks still to come this Spring. Linda Metcalf has let Dick know the audit for FY20 surplus is projected as \$397,188.00. Dick does not currently anticipate the need for any Tax anticipation notes. There is still work occurring for the Pandemic expenditure reimbursement, OESU is working on those aspects of past expenditures as well as future components. We will invite Nicole Bell to attend and give a presentation on the Grant funds, and COVID related relief.

Audit Reports Update: We have received a FY19 Draft, that we accepted at a past meeting. The FY20 Audit should be ready in April. We will wait and have both audited years discussed on the same night.

Principal's Report: as sent, discussed.

Annual Meeting Discussion: Discussion occurred for voting options, including the Australian ballot. Participation at the annual meeting for 2020 was higher than historically, additionally- the desire to have informed decisions on the vote itself imperative. Joe Nolin made a motion to continue the Annual meeting for 2021 as an in-person meeting as experienced historically, Sarah Nolin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. All voted in favor, the motion carried.

Date of Informational Meeting: April 28th 5:30pm, via zoom

Annual Report Needs and Timeline: Meeting to begin at 6:00pm, Reports need to be in to Amy Cramer as soon as possible.

Anticipated Physical Space i.e. Tent, Amplification, Etc:

Zoom Phone Link Issues: Bruce will follow up with OESU/Jason Mix

Wrap-Up/Next Meeting Agenda Items Adjournment: Special Meeting for Annual Meeting Warning writing will be March 17th- at 6:00pm. April 8th regular meeting-6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm was made by Joe Nolin, Seconded by Sarah Nolin all were in favor, the motion carried and the board adjourned.