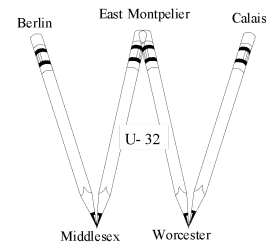


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Washington Central Unified Union School District Transition Board
Meeting
Approved Minutes
5.2.19
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Central Office, 1130 Gallison Hill Rd, Montpelier VT

unapproved

Board Members Present: Matthew DeGroot, Dorothy Naylor, Flor Diaz Smith, Chris McVeigh, Scott Thompson, Vera Frazier, Will Baker, Susanna Culver, Will Baker, Nicolle Ferrier, Scott Thompson, Lindy Johnson

Administrators Present: Superintendent Bill Kimball, Business Administrator Lori Bibeau

Others Present: Jody Emerson (U-32 Assistant Principal), David Delcore (Times Argus), ORCA videographer

- 1.0 Call to Order: Matthew DeGroot called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
 - 1.1 Reception of Guests: Matthew DeGroot welcomed Jody Emerson.
 - 1.2 Agenda Revisions & Board Comments: Superintendent Kimball requested to change the order of the agenda to move item 3.4 above item 3.3.
 - 1.3 Public Comments & Correspondence: none

- 2.0 Consent Agenda
 - 2.1 Approve Minutes of 4.25.19: **Chris McVeigh moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2019. Seconded by Dorothy Naylor.** Discussion: Matthew DeGroot suggested an edit, to correct an inaccuracy in agenda item 3.1.1. **This motion carried, with noted edits. Susanna Culver, Will Baker, Lindy Johnson, Nicolle Ferrier abstained from this vote.**

- 3.0 Discussion Agenda
 - 3.1 Develop FY20 Budget to Recommend to New WCUUSD Board:
Superintendent Kimball had shared a budget reflecting all seven budgets combined. Some

discussion followed around the need to explain this new budget so that community members can understand the change in revenues and expenses. Board members discussed how to understand these figures, and how to explain in a way that community members will understand. Superintendent Kimball shared that some explanation of educational tax rate information will be needed. For the next meeting, he and Lori Bibeau will draft up some possible ways to present this budget information.

Superintendent Kimball asked whether this board supports this budget amount. The sense of the board is that it does.

3.2 Revenue Anticipation Notes: Lori Bibeau explained that, assuming a WCUUSD budget passes on June 25th, then revenue anticipation notes can be managed by using line of credit until July 26th (around \$2.7 million), at which point the board can go to the traditional way of revenue anticipation notes, which involves arbitrage. Lori Bibeau explained that each town votes on tax collection dates, and they vary. This affects cash flow. She is connecting with each Town Clerk to discuss these logistics.

3.3 Articles of Agreement: Flor Diaz Smith stated the hope that the vote on June 25th will include a vote on Articles of Agreement. She explained that Article 4 is not ready at this time. It may be that work on this article goes to the merged board. Superintendent Kimball stated that he is asking Chris Leopold to draft a warning for the June 25th vote. The Transition Board plans to meet on May 9th. Matthew DeGroot suggested putting this discussion and possible action on the agenda for the meeting. Superintendent Kimball will include the minutes from the recent Articles Committee meetings in the packet for the May 9th meeting.

Scott Thompson stated that the sentiment that he has observed has been predominantly against the forced merger. He expressed concern that the voters who show up on June 25th will be there to vote “no,” and he is afraid that they will vote against the budget. He asked whether the board might save the vote of the Articles of Agreement for a later date, and to include on the June 25th warning one sweeping article in addition to the budget, for vote. Some board discussion followed. Board members expressed unanimity in the need for the budget to be approved, to support our staff and move forward on July 1, 2019. Dorothy Naylor stated that she really believes the sticking point for some people is debts/ assets. She does not believe that community approval of a merge is impossible if this issue can be worked out.

The board discussed the possibility that the Transition Board not warn Articles of Agreement. This will be an agenda item at the May 9th meeting. Superintendent Kimball noted that Chris Leopold may not have had time by then to consider the verbiage for the warning.

3.4 Purchase Orders for WCUUSD: Superintendent Kimball explained the need to get purchase orders in place in order to operate smoothly over the summer. Lori Bibeau explained some of the specifics, such as summer services, teacher supplies, licensing renewals, technology, capital projects, that need immediate attention. She has created a new purchase order form that reflects the new entity, and she is asking for the board to approve going forward with this.

Lindy Johnson moved to approve creating the purchase orders for July 1, 2019, for WCUUSD. Seconded by Flor Diaz Smith. Discussion: Scott Thompson asked that we not order a lot of letterhead/ stationery with “WCUUSD;” he does not think this is a great name choice. Lori Bibeau explained that the acronym is spelled out on these documents: Washington Central Unified Union Supervisory District. **This motion carried unanimously.**

4.0 Action Agenda

5.0 Future Agenda Items (May 9th 5:30 - 7:30 at EMES)

- draft budget report
- Vermont Retirement System
- discussion of Articles of Agreement

6.0 Board Communication: Matthew DeGroot has not shared communication to Front Porch Forum yet; he will do this next week.

7.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Stoudt, Board Recording Secretary