



# The Pomfret School

CHALLENGING THE MIND ★ ENCOURAGING THE HEART

## Board of Directors Monthly meeting - DRAFT Monday, September 15, 2014 PM, The Pomfret School

**Present: Tom McKone, Greg Greene, Bob Coates, Jody Eaton, Sarah Woodhead**

### **I. Call to Order 6:04 pm**

#### **II. Visitor:**

**David Leenders, WCSU Director of Finance and Operations**

David explained the Pomfret Elementary School Budget Operating Results FY2012 - FY2014 with a Net Operating Surplus of \$33, 834 for FY 2014. FY 2012 had a surplus of \$86,416 and FY 2013 had a surplus of \$52, 975. We talked about the Pomfret Reserve Fund and discussed consolidating some of the accounts.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2014**

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Bob Coates

#### **IV. Reports**

##### **Principal – Tom McKone**

\*TPS has been paying for a Sovernet phone line for many years but realized recently that the line doesn't even go into the school. Tom will be sending a letter to Sovernet to let them know what has happened. We are going to try to recover lost funds.

\*The new Art Room is almost finished. A Fire Inspector will be visiting to tell us what we will need to do to protect the students from the kiln.

\*The WCSU will be providing us with an engineer to determine what we need to do in order to be in compliance with the rules for an asbestos free building.

\*Efficiency Vermont has contacted Tim Wheelock to say that they now have new programs and new grants. They will be visiting our school.

\*WCSU Principals will start budgets in October with Alice Worth, Superintendent.

##### **Board Members**

\*Discussion on Universal PreK and how funding 3 and 4 year olds for 10 hours a week for 35 weeks starting FY 2015 will effect our budget.

\*The Consolidation Community forum will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in The Pomfret School Library. Anyone, from any town, is welcome to attend. Members of each town's school boards will be present.

## **Teacher – Sarah Woodhead**

\*Discussion on whether or not we would like to solarize our school with Solarize Pomfret. Should we take advantage of the discount? How would this fit into our school? The Solarize Pomfret-Woodstock Launch event is Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 7 pm. You can contact Norwood Long for more information at [norward@myfairpoint.net](mailto:norward@myfairpoint.net).

\*5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders from our local schools will be meeting for 4 days at Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historic Park in October. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be studying a unit on new national forest standards and how they effect our ecosystems, curriculum written by Sarah Woodhead. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be exploring Cosmic Scales. Students will take part in a project to determine the changes in perception with observation on extreme scales: microscopic and astronomical views.

## **Policy Warning: 2nd Reading – Professional Development Policy D2**

### **VI. Adjournment at 8:15 PM**

### **VII. Upcoming Meeting:**

Pomfret School Board Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2014, 6:00 PM @ The Pomfret School

WCSU Meeting: Monday, October 13, 2014, 6:00 PM @ WCSU Conference Room