



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, October 3, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Bob Coates, Seth Westbrook, Justin Shipman, Eileen Guyette – Teacher Representative, Chic MacMaster – Facilities Director, Lisa Sjostrom – Principal, Alice Worth – Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to order: 6:35 PM

II. Amendments to the Agenda:

Approval of a short term Para-Educator hire

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: September 19, 2016

Moved: Justin Shipman

Seconded: Bob Coates

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

Motion to approve Michelle Hough at the recommended hourly rate and hours per week to assist in the role of regular education Para-Educator

Moved: Justin Shipman

Seconded: Jody Eaton

1. Act 46 Update – Justin Shipman, a member of TPVS board and the Act 26 study committee, updated all present.

*In 2015, the Vermont legislature passed Act 46 which declares that the “State shall provide educational opportunities through sustainable governance structures by July 2019.”

*Act 46 encourages the districts that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) explore the opportunities and challenges of unifying into a single PreK-12 district with one board and one budget that would serve Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Killington, Reading, and Woodstock prior to the state developing its own redistricting plan.

*The Act 46 Study Committee (consisting of board members and citizens from each town) meets publicly twice per month, and is developing **Principles for Unification and Articles of Agreement** that will specify, among other important issues, how representation on the new unified board will be allocated.

*The Committee is working to address the legal requirements of Act 46 and is seeking new ways of delivering a greater variety of high quality, educational opportunities to every student in the current WCSU. A unified district will likely mean the restructuring of some schools and may add some school

“choice” options for Grades K-6. Restructuring does not mean closing any school within the next 4 years, however, it could mean the closing of some grades in some schools by July 2018.

Local Forums – your chance to learn more and get involved

Bridgewater: 10/11/16 – 7 pm at The Grange

Pomfret: 10/20/16 – 7 pm at TPVS

Killington: 10/24/16 at 7 pm at KES

Barnard: 10/26/16 at 7 pm at Town Hall

Woodstock: 11/9/16 at 5:30 pm at WUHSMS

Reading: 11/15/16 at 6 pm at RES

VI. Reports

1. Operations Report – State of the Building - Chic MacMaster

Chic updated all present on TPVS Energy Management Program and an estimate of large repairs to be done. Chic was very thorough and precise. The board was given an action plan, of sorts, recording all building information and a timeline for which repairs should be completed.

2. Food Service Report - none

3. Principal’s Report – Lisa Sjostrom presented The Prosper Valley School Action Plan 2016-2017.

The Action Plan includes 5 goals for teaching and learning Mathematics, 3 goals for teaching and learning Literacy, goals for Science, Community Building/Communication, Student Supports: academic, social, and emotional, Student Leadership, Creative Arts, Outdoor/Experiential Education, and Technology. Well done, Lisa! Thank you for all of your hard work.

4. Superintendent Report - Alice Worth updated all present on the SBAC tests given last spring to all students in grades 3-6 in the WCSU. Teachers are taking their SBAC scores seriously and to heart. They are looking to identify any problems of practice and doing a root cause analysis. There was incremental progress with some children and then some back sliding in others. There needs to be an equalizing of different teaching styles.

5. Board Report- Jody Eaton updated all present with information on the success of the annual Harvest Supper, held on October 1, 2016.

VII. Agenda Setting for September Meeting – Will be as described in the universal template that we are currently using. Agenda can be updated until one week before the November board meeting. Email agenda items to Rayna Bishop at the WCSU - rbishop@wcsu.net.

VIII. Adjournment – 8:52 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, November 7, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – WCSU Conference Room