



The Pomfret School

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**Board of Directors Monthly meeting - DRAFT
Monday, August 18, 2014 PM, The Pomfret School**

Present: Tom McKone, Greg Greene, Bob Coates, Jody Eaton

I. Call to Order 6:17 pm

II. Visitors:

Alice Worth, WCSU Superintendent

III. Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2014

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Bob Coates

IV. Reports

Principal – Tom McKone

The Pomfret School Principal's Report

~ Tom McKone, August 18, 2014

Staffing Updates

Primary Team Teacher: Jen Mayo. Jen has six years of teaching experience and is currently a Grades 1-2 teacher at the Newbury School, up in the Northeast Kingdom. Her husband works in Hartford and they live in White River Jct.; she wants a shorter drive, which doesn't make any sense to me. The four teachers who joined me to interview her agreed with me that she will be a good match for our school and will do a great job. I spoke with her principal and the math coach at her school, and they both reinforced our impression that she is an effective teacher. She has a lot of strengths as a teacher -- especially in math and literacy -- and will be able to walk in Day 1 on top of her game. I am very pleased that she will be coming here.

School Nurse: Susan Clarke. Susan lives in Killington, has been the school nurse at Killington Elementary School for the past year, and worked as a registered nurse for several years before that. She works 1.5 days at KES and was interested in finding more days at other elementary schools. She will be here 0.75 day per week, and the same for Barnard. Anne Marinello highly recommended her, and Loren Pepe said she has done an excellent job at KES and suggested we hire her. Loren's word is gospel, so it was an easy decision.

Library Media Specialist: Nancy Farwell. A resident of West Lebanon, Nancy has been working as media assistant at the Ray School in Hanover for several years, which gave her experience supporting and teaching both library and technology programs. She received her School Library Media Specialist certification from Plymouth State University in May. Her B.A. is in landscape architecture, and that's the field she worked in before working at the Ray School. Nancy will be working three days a week at WES and two days a week here in Pomfret. Karen White and I interviewed Nancy over at WES. After Karen gave her a tour of WES, she came to TPS and I showed her our school. Karen and I are both excited to have Nancy joining our schools. Her references spoke highly of her, and we are happy to have her joining us.

Special Educator: Lori Elliott. Lori worked last year as part-time special educator and part-time para at the Bridgewater School. Sherry Sousa asked Tedd Brown (Bridgewater principal) and then suggested to me that I could invite Lori to interview for our position. Lori earlier worked as an academic support coordinator, a primary teacher, and a Head Start teacher. Lori is going to work as a special ed teacher at both Pomfret and Bridgewater. She will be at Pomfret from 7:30-11:00, Monday through Thursday. Sherry and Tedd both said she has done a great job at Bridgewater.

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Pomfret Staffing Overview for 2014-15		
Fulltime Staff		
Rob Hanson	Grade 6	12 students
Sarah Woodhead	Grade 5	9 students
Jenny Hewitt	Grades 3 & 4	15 students
Barb Leonard	Primary Team (K-2)	17 students
Jen Mayo	Primary Team (K-2)	Teacher and para
Sarah Walker	Administrative Assistant	
Tim Wheelock	Custodian	
Parttime Staff		
Jenn Gubbins	General Ed Para	M-F, 7:30 – 11:45
Lori Elliott	Special Educator	M-Th, 7:30 – 11:00
Nancy Farwell	Library Media Specialist	M, W
Elaine Leibly	Spanish	M
Jill Stevens	School Counselor	Tu, 7:30 – 1:05
Lisa Kaija	Art	Tu
Greg LaBella	Physical Education	W, 7:45 – 11:30
Susan Clarke	Nurse	W, 7:30 – 1:05
Christine Morton	Music	Th
Tom McKone	Principal	Varies, w/ Tu/Th as base

Enrollment Update

2013-14 Ending Enrollment: 63

2014-15 Projected Opening Enrollment: 53

Board Members

WCSU Elementary School Possibilities Study – The elementary school study committee considered twelve possibilities for maintaining and enhancing educational quality. Each possibility was examined for benefit to students, financial impact, practicality, and sustainability into the future. The WCSU Elementary School Study has narrowed the possibilities down to one.

The committee's proposal is to serve all K-4 students at the Woodstock Elementary School campus and serve all grades 5 and 6 students at The Pomfret School campus. The elementary school study committee requests that that The Pomfret School Board hosts an information meeting for citizens where the study and proposal will be described and citizen input will be solicited.

This is a reminder that The Pomfret School Board meets every third Monday of the month at 6 PM at The Pomfret School Library.

Policy Warning: 1st Reading – Professional Development Policy D2

Tom McKone updated the Board on The Pomfret School Action Plan 2013-2015 and the WCSU Mathematics Action Plan 2014. A giant thank you to Mike Bald for eliminating all of the Wild Parsnip and Chervil by hand pulling.

V. Action/Discussion

Motion to present the Small School Study Committee results to The Town of Pomfret at a date to be determined in September

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Bob Coates

Motion to post Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes at Pomfret Town Hall, The Pomfret School, North Pomfret Post Office, and Teago General Store

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Bob Coates

Motion to accept a Kindergarten student whose family is completing their residence in Pomfret

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Bob Coates

VI. Adjournment at 8:42 PM

VII. Upcoming Meeting:

Pomfret School Board Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2014, 6:00 PM @ The Pomfret School

WCSU Meeting: Monday, September 15, 2014, 6:00 PM @ WCSU Conference Room

