

WNESU Board Meeting  
Monday, May 15, 2017  
Cabot School

Present: WNESU Board: Chris Tormey, Lauren Cleary, Jill Wilson, Lisa Olson, Patrick Healy, Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent, Mark Tucker, Special Services Director

Call to Order: Chris Tormey opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Lauren moved and Lisa seconded approval of the minutes of April 24, 2017. Approved as written.

Board Discussion

- a. Meet Curriculum Director Candidate: Mark Tucker introduced Monica Morrissey as the finalist for the Curriculum Director position. He and Nancy are recommending her for the position, beginning July 1, 2017. Monica is currently teaching at Hazen Union High School and she has experiences teaching most grade levels. Monica has held many coaching and curriculum leadership roles. Chris moved and Jill seconded accepting the superintendent's recommendation to hire Monica Morrissey for the Curriculum Director's position. The Board approved unanimously.
- b. Act 46 update. Chris reminded that Board that the presentation to the State Board of Education will be tomorrow, Tuesday, May 16 at Winooski High School.
- c. Consolidated Federal Program Grant: Nancy explained that even though supervisory unions have not yet received their allocations for FY 18, the AOE requires that the Board formally approve acceptance of the grant. The Grant will be completed and submitted before July 1, 2017. Lisa moved and Chris seconded that WNESU accept the Title I and Title II grants through the Consolidated Federal Program for FY 18. Approved unanimously.
- d. Negotiations Update. Chris and Nancy explained that the Negotiations Council meet with the Association Council last Thursday to resume negotiations.
- e. Vermont Labor Relations Board Decision. The Board discussed the precarious position that the WNESU Board is in where compliance with the order of the VLRB puts the Board in jeopardy of being sued under the Vermont Open Meeting Law. Patrick moved and Chris seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss the VLRB decision and proposal to appeal the VLRB decision, the premature disclosure of which would put the Board at a significant disadvantage. The Board went into executive session at 5:50 pm.

The Board exited executive session at 5:57 pm. Chris moved to appeal the decision of the Vermont Labor Relations Board to the Vermont Supreme Court and accept the financial and legal support of the Vermont School Boards Association in that appeal. The Board authorizes the expenditure of up to \$3,000 for the appeal. Patrick seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion 4 to 1 with Jill Wilson voting against the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thomas, minute taker