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**WASHINGTON NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 18, 2014, Cabot School**

**PRESENT:** Board members: Patrick Healy, Dan Gadd, Sharon O’Conner, Jill Wilson.

Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent

**Call to Order** : Sharon O’Conner, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve August 21, 2014 Minutes – 3 in favor, Jill Wilson abstained as she was absent from that meeting.

**Reports**

- a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas

- Nancy reviewed the written report she brought to the meeting, detailing the start-up to the new year, the new universal preschool education regulations and the status of negotiations. Documents have been submitted by both sides for the Fact-finder for the teacher negotiations. The Support Staff negotiation meetings are being scheduled for the end of September and October. Nancy also reviewed the professional development occurring with specialists providing coaching in the buildings in math and literacy as well as a rigorous early release and in-service schedule. She encouraged board members to attend the upcoming Vermont School Board Association meetings and conference in October.

**Board Discussion**

- a. Policy Second Reading – E14 Fund Balance Policy

- Patrick moved and Dan seconded the approval of the policy. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Early Retirement Option

- Nancy distributed the agreed upon language for this option for professionals this year. Given the fact that this is the first year that WNESU has had teachers as employees and in this smaller budget, she recommended not offering the option this year, due to budget concerns.
- Patrick moved to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. Dan seconded. The motion carried.

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**Executive Session**

- None

**Adjournment** - 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Thomas, Notetaker