

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting
August 22, 2011 6:30 P.M. at Poultney High School
Official Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kimberly Mathewson (M), Tammy Holcomb (M), Cindy Taylor-Patch (M), Karen Stomski (M), Jennifer Miller (M), Kimberly Stewart (M), Clarence Haynes (M), Pat Davenport (M), Chrispin White(A). Mary Jo Teetor (M), and Alicia Marcy (M) arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Administration Present: Superintendent Joan Paustian.

Guest present: Dennis Wells

The meeting was **called to order** by Board Chair Kimberly Mathewson at 6:40 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes –

- **Motion made by Clarence Haynes, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve minutes of June 27, 2011 and July 25, 2011as presented. Motion carried.**

Report of the Superintendent: Dr. Paustian's written report was included in the Board's packet, in addition she highlighted/reported:

- Opening Day In-service will be Monday, August 29th at Wells Village School –Board Members are invited to attend. Keynote Speaker Rae Ann Knopf, Vermont Deputy Commissioner of Education.
- UVM Outstanding Teachers of the Year announced.
- Consolidated Federal Grant –gave update for the board
- Identified Paul Eaton as RSWSU Equity Coordinator
- Leadership Academy well attended by our Administrators – gave details to board.

Report of Director of Student Support Services: No report this month.

Report of Business Manager: To be forwarded via e-mail.

- **Motion made by Clarence Haynes, seconded by Kimberly Mathewson, to accept the Report of the Superintendent. Motion carried.**

Approve Warrants:

- **Motion made by Clarence Haynes, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to approve Warrant #120 in the amount of \$14,514.45, dated 7/15/11 and Warrant #121 in the amount of \$31,794.30, dated 7/29/11. Motion carried.**

General Public Comments: None.

Old Business: Moved to the end of the agenda.

New Business:

- **Reports of Committees:**
 - Finance – No meetings have taken place. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/8/11 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.
 - Systems Management – Committee met tonight at 5:30 p.m. Karen Stomski was elected as the new chair. The group continues working on policies that impact more than one school in the district. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/12/11 at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office.
 - Human Resources – No report.

- SU Negotiations – Executive session planned for this evening. Next meeting (mediation) is scheduled for 9/12/11 at 5:00 p.m. at Poultney High School. Support staff negotiations meeting is scheduled for 08/23/11 at 4:30 p.m.
- Act 153 – No report. Next meeting is scheduled for 08/24/11 at 5:00 p.m. at Wells Village School.

Policies: No action this month.

Action on Personnel Contracts: None

Other Lawful Business: None.

Set Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Wells Village School. Dr. Paustian will invite local legislators and senators in an effort to foster communication with board members.

The Chair called for a short break at 7:04 p.m., calling the meeting back to order at 7:08 p.m.

Executive Session:

- **Motion made by Clarence, seconded by Tammy, to move the board into executive session for the purposes of discussing contract negotiations (teachers) at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Kimberly, seconded by Karen, to come out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.**

No action taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Taylor-Patch
RSWSU Board Clerk

Old Business:

Continuation minutes approval:

- **Motion made by Clarence Haynes, seconded by Mary Jo Teetor to approve the continuation minutes of June 25, 2011 and July 27, 2011 as submitted. Motion carried.**

Board Goals: Dr. Paustian handed out a draft of goals as discussed at the last meeting for board review/input. Discussion ensued. The Board requested a copy of the current RSWSU Vision/Mission be sent in the September packets. The Board was asked to continue to review the proposed goals and to provide any further input to Dr. Paustian by next Monday. Any additions will be incorporated and sent to the board in the September packet for approval. Once the new goals are finalized, they will be listed on all future agendas.

Adjourn:

- **Motion to adjourn made by Tammy Holcomb, seconded by Mary Jo Teetor at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Dente
Recording Secretary