

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
STOWE, VT
October 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cam Page at 6 P.M. Board members present were Ashley Tagatac, Susan Segal, Jed Lipsky and Don Post. Holden Waterman, Interim Superintendent, Tracy Wrend, Superintendent Elect, Richard Smiles, Nancy Shiok, Jeff Maher, Principals, represented the administration. Guests included: Jesse Schloff, Denise Gutstein, Phil Balyk, Ruth McGovern, Gabby Guazonni, Katie Clark, Katie Landwerle, Samantha Brody, Brittany Foreman, Ben Rauch, Katrina Horton, Alex Grosvenor, Chris Hagerty, Jeremy Lachtrupp

The minutes of the September 17, 2007, meeting were approved as amended based on a motion by Ashley Tagatac and seconded by Don Post. Clarifications were made relating to Jed Lipsky's comments in the minutes which were focused on his concerns regarding the Athletic Director's position, not the coaches as stated in the minutes.

The motion was carried.

Principals Reports:

Richard Smiles, Elementary School

- NECAP – week of October 8
- Composting Assembly – September 28
- Open House with launch of the AWE Project
- PTO Pasta Social – October 11

Nancy Shiok, Middle School.

- Hike for Hunger - postponed due to the stormy weather on Friday. Now set for Tuesday afternoon.
- Plant drive
- A group of 7th graders – certified by National Habitat Federation as a school year habitat

Jeff Maher, High School

- S.E.F. Ribbon Cutting Dedication of New Science Labs – Oct. 2 @ 7:00 P.M.
- NECAPS beginning soon
- Senior English Class at U.V.M.
- Open House on Sept. 20 – "How's it Going Meeting"
- Ruth McGovern, Semi-finalist National Merit Scholarship winner- introduced
- Ilya Mattiach, AP award winner - recent graduate
- Jacob Schwartz - National Merit Commended Student

Jeff presented information about the proposed SHS Spanish program trip to Nicaragua. He gave background information and showed a DVD from a Peoples Academy trip.

Details about the October 2, 2007, ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the new science labs were discussed.

The new harassment policy was approved based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac after a discussion about how the policy is communicated to parents and students.

The motion was carried.

The VISBIT proxy was given to the superintendent based on a motion by Jed Lipsky and seconded by Don Post.

The motion was carried.

A Peoples Academy student was approved to participate in Stowe High School's Hockey program based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac.

The motion was carried.

Holden encouraged board members to attend the annual VSBA conference.

Jed Lipsky agreed to chair the next board meeting in Cam's absence.

Jed and Cam invited the students in the audience to pose questions of the board and administration.

The board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M. based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Jed Lipsky.

The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Smiles
Clerk, pro tem