

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**STOWE, VT**  
**November 5, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Cam Page at 6:02 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: Lisa McCormack, Denise Gutstein.

The minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2007, were approved based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac.

The motion was carried.

Details about the VT Poverty Council's forums were reviewed.

The statewide school calendar initiative was discussed. The administration was asked by the board to draft letters in regards to the statewide calendar and issues of local control for board members consideration.

A memo from the office of the Vermont Commissioner of Education regarding the future of education in Vermont was discussed. A meeting in Montpelier on December 18, 2007, for school board members and superintendents has been established. A regional meeting for principals will also be scheduled.

Principals Reports:

Richard Smiles, Elementary School

- Visits from Stowe Fire Department for Fire Safety Week
- Science Fair – October 25
- Halloween parade
- NECAPs completed
- Parent/teacher conferences – November 15 and November 20
- DI and UbD Book Study – Professional Development for SES and SMS faculties
- ODWP Administration – week of November 26

Nancy Shiok, Middle School

- Seventh graders returned from Nature's Classroom
- Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade are collecting shoes to be sent to Kenya
- Charlie Gordon – UVM Outstanding Teacher reception – local ceremony on November 8
- Jimmy Fund participation – head shaving challenge
- Parent Teacher conferences – November 14, 15 and 19
- Pep Rally organized by Mrs. Emory and the student council
  - First Friday Dollar Days
  - The student council will be holding a food drive for the Lamoille County Food Shelf during the week of November 12
  - In December we will once again participate in the shoebox project
  - Mrs. Emory and Mrs. Leavey are growing their hair this year for Locks for Love

Jeff Maher, High School

- Fall sports season review
- Parent/teacher conferences completed
- Operation Pizzazz off to a good start
- Student town meeting coming up
- Humanities field trip
- NECAP testing completed
- Internship program update

Jed Lipsky commented positively on the community's appreciation for Jeff's presence at school events.

School closing procedures were reviewed.

Holden talked about his findings regarding the determination of a quorum for the board. Issues regarding phone-in discussions were also reviewed.

Pre-qualification criteria and timelines for the construction project were explained by Holden. They were reviewed and approved by the board based on a motion by Jed Lipsky and seconded by Ashley Tagatac. Ashley talked about issues related to the level of specificity for the criteria. Don Post explained past practices relative to these issues.

The motion was carried.

The board agreed to adjourn at 7:30 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