

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
STOWE, VT
January 21, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Cam Page at 6:05 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: Rich Smith, Lisa McCormick, Denise Gutstein,

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2008, were approved based on a motion by Ashley Tagatac and seconded by Don Post

The motion was carried.

The calendar of events was distributed.

The proposed FY 2009 budget of \$9,110,050 was approved based on a motion by Ashley Tagatac and seconded by Don Post.

The motion was carried.

Jed Lipsky suggested that an additional amount be included within the budget in support of a stipend for an athletic director. Board members provided their input. Jed Lipsky made a motion to add \$10,000 to the budget. There was no second for the motion.

Ashley Tagatac encouraged the board to support the continuing Athletic Director review process and directing the administration/committee to report its findings as promptly and comprehensively as possible, so that the board/administration can take appropriate actions. Rich Smith provided input to the board regarding the Athletic Director situation. He spoke in support of a stipend. Board members provided input.

Articles for the Warning were reviewed and accepted based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac.

The motion was carried.

2008-2009 Stowe School District Tuition rates of \$11,400 for grades K-6, \$11,950 for grades 7-8 and \$11,425 for grades 9-12 were recommended. There was discussion about lowering the Stowe Middle School rate. The suggested rates were accepted, based on a motion by Jed Lipsky and seconded by Don Post.

The motion was carried.

Don Post provided some additional information about his discussions with Tom Vickery, regarding the calculations of the Common Level of Appraisal.

Jed thanked Cam and Ashley for agreeing to run for board positions again.

Ashley volunteered to speak to the Parent/Teacher Organization regarding the budget. Jed Lipsky said he'd talk to the Stowe Area Association. Don Post agreed to speak to the Stowe Rotary.

A schedule for writing articles by board members for the Stowe Reporter was established:
by January 27 – Cam Page
by February 5 – Don Post
by February 12 – Susan Segal
by February 19 – Ashley Tagatac
by February 26 – Cam Page

The public information meeting is scheduled for February 25 at 7 P.M., with a board meeting at 6 P.M. at SHS.

The next regular board meeting is on February 4, 2008. There will no meeting on February 18, 2008.

The board agreed to adjourn at 7:15 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