

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MORRISTOWN, VERMONT
January 26, 2010**

Peter Jones called the regular meeting of the Morristown Board of School Directors to order at 5:08pm with Phil Kiely, Will Spalding and Kathy Demars present. Tracy Wrend, Superintendent, John Pike, Director of Finance & Operations, Phil Grant, PA Principal, Wendy Baker, PAML Principal, and Ed Oravec, MES Principal, represented the Administration. Guests were Karsten Weiss, Molly Pease, Christy Snipp, Ed Debor, Sharron Scott, Elaine Guillot, Arlene Marrinan, B. Scott West, Rachel A. Duffy, Andrea Caldwell, Betsy Rich, Tammy Bourne, Heather Schneider, Sara Pennock, Bonnie Tuscany, Janet Scarf, and Jane Campbell.

It was moved by Phil Kiely and seconded by Will Spalding to approve the amended minutes of the January 19, 2010, meeting.

Motion was carried

Tracy distributed invitations for the upcoming Legislative Breakfast to be held at the Green Mountain Technology & Career Center on February 1, 2010, from 8:00am – 9:00am.

Principals' Reports:

Ed Oravec, Morristown Elementary School

- The K-3/4-5 Winter Concerts took place on January 12th and 13th. Both concerts were well received.
- Yesterday the MES/SES faculties gathered in Stowe to brainstorm around the implementation of Think Math!
- Representatives of the student governments at the high school, middle level and elementary school will meet to discuss a coordinated effort to aid Haiti. Students at MES have already begun a “penny war” that will conclude this Friday.

Wendy Baker, Peoples Academy Middle Level

- The 3rd quarter ended and the number of students who are on academic probation has dramatically reduced. Kudos to the students, families, and staff who worked together to achieve this result.
- The PAML Student Leadership group met for a retreat on January 26th and has identified themes for the months of February, March, and April that they wish to receive acknowledgements (cubes) for. February's will be “being positive” which fits nicely with our R2B2 expectations. They have also planned a nice winter carnival activity which will take place on February 19th and involve local businesses in the community.
- On January 28th we will have a TIGER assembly and follow up workshops that will focus on the different aspects of bullying and how it can be prevented.

Phil Grant, Peoples Academy

- New semester classes began last week; report cards and ODWP scores were sent home.
- We introduced the new Academic Honesty guidelines this semester. These were created by teachers and students through a process starting last summer that involved numerous staff discussions, research and committee work.
- Congratulations to female Senior Nicole West who just received the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Award, which recognizes high school seniors for commitment to community service, academic achievement, and demonstrated leadership.

Tracy recognized the Morristown Educators Association for the side letter which will allow some programs to be restored. Based on a motion by Phil Kiely and seconded by Will Spalding the side letter from the Morristown Educators Association was accepted.

Motion was carried

The proposed FY11 budget was reviewed. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. Citizens had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comment. The proposed FY11 budget as presented of \$11,536,250 was approved based on a motion by Phil Kiely and seconded by Kathy Demars.

Motion was carried

Articles for the Warning were reviewed and accepted as presented based on a motion by Phil Kiely and seconded by Kathy Demars.

Motion was carried

The report of the auditors was presented. A motion to accept the report of the auditors was made by Phil Kiely and seconded by Kathy Demars.

Motion was carried

The Budget Information Meeting, held in conjunction with the Town, will be held on February 23, 2010, at 7pm, at Morristown Elementary School. The regular meeting of the school directors will begin at 6:00pm.

It was moved by Kathy Demars and seconded by Will Spalding that the Morristown School Directors will forgo their 2010-2011 salary.

Motion was carried

The board went into executive session based on a motion by Phil Kiely and seconded by Kathy Demars.

Motion was carried

The Board came out of executive session.

With no further action to come before the Board, at 6:40pm Phil Kiely moved and Will Spalding seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was carried

Respectfully submitted,

Will Spalding
Clerk, pro tem