

Draft Minutes
WINDHAM CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Item E-1
SBE Meeting: 5-15-19

Present:

Board:

Dover: Richard Werner, Kerry McDonald-Cady

Brookline: Ken McFadden, Leeann Jillson, Sara Webb

Newfane: Luke Stafford

Jamaica: Syna Stevenson

L&G: Joe Winrich, Emily Long

Marlboro: Doug Korb, Dan MacArthur, Lissa Harris

Townshend: Al Claussen, Cliff Passino

Wardsboro: Mike Murphy, Barry Pearson

Windham: Beth McDonald

Stratton: Alison Young, Tom Montemagni

Administration:

Bill Anton (Superintendent)

Members of the Public:

Peter Barus (Recorder)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Tom Montemagni attended from Stratton by telecommunications. It was determined that Stratton has one vote; Mr. Montemagni left the meeting.

Review and revise agenda as may be advisable - action

Copies of the Audit were provided; Mr. Werner explained that this was available on request, and it had been sent digitally to members and posted on the SU website.

Mr. Anton provided the WCSU Contracts for signature.

Review WCSU Voting Representation post July 1, 2019 –

Discussion/Action

Mr. Werner provided background, explaining that the Department of Education had determined that operating districts would have three votes, non-operating districts, one vote. However, the Board had voted previously for what it considered a more equitable configuration.

Statutory requirement

River Valleys: 3
West River: 3
Marlboro: 3
Windham: 3
Stratton: 1

total votes: 13

Proposed

change

River Valleys: 2
West River: 3
Marlboro: 1
Windham: 6
Stratton: 2

total votes 14

There had been discussion of avoiding even numbers on boards; one other concern had been that the West River district would have a Quorum if all voting members attended. It was noted that if nothing is done the structure will revert to the statutory default, and to change this would require a new vote, followed by submission in person (Mr. Werner invited anyone wishing to accompany him) to the Board of Education.

Mr. MacArthur moved to accept the configuration of 14 votes as previously voted. Second by Mr. Passino.

In discussion, Mr. McFadden noted the disparities in number of buildings, and suggested representation by building, observing that it did not seem fair that over half the students in a district would get more than a third of the representation.

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Mr. Werner noted that Ms. Dorta-Duque (Board Chair, Jamaica) had communicated support for the agreed 14-member configuration.

Mr. Korb, citing the 6 at West River and 3 at River Valleys, discussed what it would take to override a West River vote; Mr. McFadden suggested requiring a 2/3 majority vote; there was discussion of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Mr. Werner noted that there are sometimes laws requiring other than a simple majority, but that he had not heard of this in school boards; there was discussion; it was suggested that the proposed configuration was as fair as possible, and that a quorum of 28 would be overly cumbersome; that members would know that their attendance mattered. There was further discussion of various contingencies.

Mr. McFadden suggested that since Act 46, Newfane had less representation and will again have less on the new board, and this was not fair to the taxpayers of Newfane.

With one opposed, the Chair voting with the majority, **the Motion passed.**

Mr. Werner moved to direct the Chair and the Superintendent to prepare a presentation to the state Board of Education asking for approval of the proposed change in representation and directing the Superintendent to work with the Agency of Education to prepare the presentation for the May Board of Education meeting. Second by Mr. Winrich. **All in Favor.**

New Business

WCSU Contracts

Mr. Anton provided documents for signature by the Chair, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Holly Nardone	\$84,652	100%
Heather Moeller	\$38,192	100%
Sara Kiefer	\$70,338	100%
Melissa Bartlett	\$82,181	100%
Stephanie Betit-Hancock	\$98,325	100%
Heather Bloechle	\$35,947	100%
Geoff Stent	\$66,994	61%
Sarah Shine	\$71,450	100%
Jen McKusick	\$101,766	100%
Laurie Garland	\$101,766	100%

Mr. McFadden moved to authorize the Chair to sign the WCSU Contracts. Second by Mr. MacArthur. **All in Favor.**

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting:

- May 22nd Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm Leland and Gray

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, April 25, 2019