

SLATE VALLEY MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL BOARD**Regular Meeting****January 22, 2018****Castleton Elementary School****6:30 p.m.**

Approved Minutes

Name	Role/Term	Town Representing	In Attendance
Kris Benway	Director of ARSU Spec Ed	ARSU	Yes
Jody Goodhue	Temp. Clerk/1 Year	Benson	No
David Renninger	Board Member/ 2 Year	Benson	Yes
Amy Munger	Board Member/3 Year	Benson	Yes
Toni Lobdell	Board Member/1 Year	Castleton	Yes
Liz Mackay	Board Member/2 Year	Castleton	Yes
Julie Finnegan	Board Member/3 Year	Castleton	Yes
Shannon Baldwin	Board Member/1 Year	Hubbardton	No
Joshua Hardt	Board Member/2 Year	Hubbardton	Yes
Mike Fallis	Board Member;3 Year	Hubbardton	Yes
John Oakman	Board Member/1 Year	West Haven 9/11/17	Yes
Angela Charron	Board Member/2 Year	West Haven	No
Michael (Trevor) Ezzo	Board Member/3 Year	West Haven	No
Tara Buxton	Board Member/1 Year	Fair Haven	No
Michael Bache	Board Member/2 Year	Fair Haven	Yes
Roy Eckler	Board Member/3 Year	Fair Haven	Yes
Peter Stone	Board Member/1 Year	Orwell NMD (Non Member District)	Yes
Glen Cousineau	Board Member/2 Year	Orwell NMD	Yes
David Carpenter	Board Member/3 Year	Orwell NMD	Yes
Brooke Olsen Farrell	Superintendent	Slate Valley MUUSD	Yes
Cheryl Scarzello	Business Manager	ARSU	Yes
Chris Cole	Technology Coordinator	ARSU	Yes
Casey O'Meara	Curriculum Coordinator	ARSU	Yes

Audience: Vivian Ladabouche, Jack Spaulding, Gabe Barrows, Sarah Schindler, Molly Clark, Renee Carpenter, Pat Diercksen, Joni White Hansen, Kathleen Kilbourne, Bonnie Condit, Deb Smith, Skip Cooke, Kim Prehoda, Bonnie Condit, Rynne Spaulding, Carol Ladabouche, Elizabeth Britt

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Mike Bache calls the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and led us in the Pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Julie Finnegan made a motion to approve the agenda, this was seconded by Peter Stone. The agenda will be modified to move the student presentation to the beginning of the meeting. We will also add a budget presentation to the agenda. The student presentation was on Restorative Justice. Very Well Done!

Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2018: Roy Eckler made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes. This was seconded by Toni Lobdell. Motion carried by full Board.

Student Presentation: 5th Grade Restorative Justice-Community Circles. The students gave a very informed decision about what Restorative Justice Circles Are, What Can Be Accomplished by Them. The students also shared a brief video of the different components of a Community Circle. The student presenters were Gabe Barrows, Vivian Ladabouche and Jack Spaulding. The Board thanked the student's for their very informative presentation.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

- a) **Finance:** No meeting since December 11, 2017
- b) **Personnel:** 1st meeting will be on January 30, 2018.
- c) **Policies to Adopt:** Julie Finnegan made motion to adopt the following policies as presented; this was seconded by Roy Eckler and motion was carried by the full Board.
 - i. **Policy A1 - Board Member Conflict of Interest**
 - ii. **Policy B1 - Substitute Teachers**
 - iii. **Policy B2 - Volunteers and Work Study Students**
 - iv. **Policy B4 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees**
 - v. **Policy B6 - HIPAA Policy**

The policy committee met this evening and wants to warn the following 11

Policies: Liz MacKay made a motion to warn the following 11 policies and this was seconded by Peter Stone, motion carried by full Board.

- B3 Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace
 - B5 Harassment of Employees
 - B7 Possession and Use of Tobacco Products
 - B22 Public Complaints About Personnel
 - C1 Student Education Records
 - C4 Limited English Proficiency
 - C5 Firearms
 - C6 Participation of Home Study Students
 - C7 Student Attendance
 - C8 Pupil Privacy Rights
 - C 20 Student Conduct and Discipline
 - C 21 Search and Seizure of Students by School Personnel
- d) **Building and Grounds Tour of CES** Chris Cole and Kathleen Kilbourne led the tour today of CES. One of the priorities for this building is to update the electrical system in the original part of the building. .
 - e) **Negotiations:** This committee has not met yet but has several upcoming meetings.

Principal's Report:

Benson Village School Principal's Report (Kim Prehoda):

Team Synergy, our BVS middle school students, took a walking field trip to the Benson Museum as part of the integrated unit which focused on the values demonstrated by the people of our town. Students did research using both primary and secondary sources. They then presented and displayed their work. Those displays will be hosted at the Benson Museum. Check them out when you can! They did an amazing job.

Aerobics classes for students (and staff!) have begun and will run for four weeks on Fridays as part of our focus on wellness.

The Winter Concert was on January 11th. As always, student talent was showcased, and the night was a memorable one. Thanks to our students as well as Ms. Broughton for all their hard work preparing for this concert.

On February 6th, the PTCC is sponsoring a Blood Drive from 1 pm - 6 pm. Please consider donating blood as donations at this time of year typically decline.

Castleton Village School Principal's Report (Linda Peltier):

We welcomed back our students following December break with some record cold temperatures. Our *Foundations for Healthy Living* teacher, Ms. Gwen Lyons, adjusted her curriculum and spent an hour with each class talking about the extreme cold temperatures. She addressed the concerns of dressing properly for various types of activities common with middle schoolers and how to adjust your clothes for this dramatic change in the weather. She shared the issues associated with hypothermia and the signs and symptoms, as well as the treatments. In the class, students also discussed the precautions to take in a house and while traveling on school buses. The class also talked about what to do in a power outage and ways to take care of yourself when there is no power. Many of our students spend a great deal of time on their own and this information was very relevant to our students.

Lifetime Activities will begin on January 19th and everyone is excited about exploring some new activities to learn. We are also excited to announce that CVS was awarded a National Winter Sports Education Foundation grant in the amount of \$2,150. This will enable us to cover the costs of the ski bus and be able to offer two scholarships for the ski program.

Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Monday, January 22nd at 7pm. It is a wonderful way to enjoy a cold January evening!

Castleton Elementary School Principal's Report (Kathleen Kilbourne):

We begin our F & P reading assessment (given 3x a year) this week with the consistency of our "Assessment Team" in grades K-5.

We did get our CES water lead testing back, with some elevated results. As a precaution, we have shut off all water fountains in the building, and are using just our new filler stations for water bottles and drinks. We are partnering with the Agency of Natural Resources to rectify these new findings, and address this immediate need.

We are hosting a 15 week Nurturing Parenting Class (lead by Kathleen Kilbourne and Laura Brayton-Illinski), sponsored by "Prevent Child Abuse VT" starting Jan. 16th - June 5th. This includes free child care and dinner each of the Tues, night we meet.

We held our Parent Resource Fair at CES on Jan 12th with over 25 vendors and community partners to support families.

Fair Haven Grade School Principal's Report (Skip Cooke):

Fair Haven Grade School students and staff had an amazing PBIS Celebration prior to winter break. Ilze Luneau brought her jaw dropping basketball skills (dribbling 6 basketballs at the same time) capturing the attention of everyone while sharing the importance of the PBIS ideology. Trying to hold up his end (no pun intended) Mr. Cooke was duct taped to the gym wall by all K - 5 students as a conclusion to the celebration. K - 5 students met/exceeded their PTO fundraising goal earning their prize to duct tape the principal. Everyone enjoyed the celebration and had a wonderful send off to break.

We're Back! January is always a great month for instruction with the holidays behind us. All our schools are busy with F+P assessments, parent-teacher conferences, concerts and sports. Our 5 - 8 Chorus and

Bands played to a packed house last week at their concert. The chorus and bands were outstanding testimony to all their practice, hard work and skill.

FHGS was part of the recent district Food Service Audit by the state. Preparation required months of work from several fronts including central office, The Abbey and of course our food service staff. We faired extremely well and sincerely appreciate everyone's efforts.

Looking forward to warmer days, Happy New Year!

Fair Haven Union High School Principal's Report (Jason Rasco):

Time flies: The mid-year exams are happening through the week of January 16th - January 19th marking the halfway point to the school year. After exams students will return to the spring semester. And last week, a few staff and class president Gabby Ochs met at Castleton University to discuss and plan for the very first FHUHS graduation held on the University campus at the Pavilion. Rain or shine!

Shared Leadership: In addition to their work within the classrooms, teachers collaborate in a variety of newly formed committees. The six committees of PBIS, Restorative Justice, YES (Year End Studies), Facilities, and two dedicated to Proficiency Based Learning have already met twice and have completed work that would have taken us so much longer.

Administrative support: Mr. Len Doucette has concluded his work as interim assistant principal. Over the past few years we have been very fortunate to have Mr. Doucette's expertise to help us out in time of need. And he has. Thank you. Recently retired Special Ed. Director, Chris Morgan, will be returning to FHUHS to assist and help support administrative needs. Welcome back.

Co-curricular: Girls Basketball is currently ranked #1 in DII Girls Basketball.

Boys Basketball won the Whitehall Holiday Tournament & is currently ranked #3 in DII Boys Basketball. Gable Shaddock just received his 100th win in wrestling and will join that prestigious group of athletes on the 100 Wins banner.

Due to a generous donation we have new side backboards in the gymnasium.

We have started the process of updating our banners.

School Choice Capacity: Toni Lobdell made a motion to cap the recommended limit at 40 as in the past; this was seconded by Julie Finnegan. Motion was carried by the full Board.

Other Business: Budget Presentation by Cheryl as she received updated information from the AOE today. This new information slightly reduces all the tax rates with the exception of West Haven's.

Mike Bache once again thanked Roy Eckler for his 20 years of service and for always putting the needs of students at the forefront. Mike then noted that with Roy's retirement we needed to replace his role as Vice Chair of the SVMUUSD. Dave Carpenter recommended Toni Lobdell. Toni Lobdell recommended Glen Cousineau. Toni withdrew her name as a candidate. The Board voted on the nomination for Glen Cousineau as Vice Chair, the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mike Fallis asks how he can find out which staff are leaving through retirement versus reduction in force. He asks for a specific list of employees impacted. It was suggested that Mike join the Finance Committee to answer his specific budget questions and to help him better understand the process.

Brooke suggests cancelling the SVMUUSD for February 26, 2018 due to the fact it is the scheduled night for the Informational Meeting to discuss the SVMUUSD Budget with taxpayers.

Agenda Building:

1. Bring back Policies to Warn and Adopt
2. Personnel Committee Report
3. Negotiations Update
4. Building and Grounds update possible sharing of 5-10 year plan
5. Central Office Report

6. May have contracts to consider for next year
7. Bring Additional Job Descriptions
8. Mike Fallis asked for a list of employee changes next year and to identify which were as a result of Retirements vs. Reduction in Force, etc.
9. Mike Bache asked for Budget Talking Points

Executive Session - if Needed: None

Adjournment: Toni Lobdell made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., and this was seconded by Liz Mackay. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lenihan

Next ARSU Bi-Monthly Board Meeting - January 23, 2018 - Castleton Elementary School - 7:00 p.m.

Next SVMUUSD Board Meeting - February 12, 2018 - Fair Haven Union High School - 6:30 p.m.