

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**

2 Westford School Board

3 August 3, 2010

4 Westford School in the Commons

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6 **Board Members Present:** Martha Heath, Andre Roy, Jennifer Townsend, Allison  
7 Weinhausen, Marilyn McConnell

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9 **Administrators Present:** Judith DeNova, Grant Geisler

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11 **Visitors Present:** George Lamphere, Ed Chase, Matt Ryan, Conrad Racine, David  
12 Brisson, Mark Drapa, Louise Jensen, Sandra Keener, Tiffany Williams, Stephanie Borth,  
13 Kristy Trask, Karens Forbes, Caroline Desorcie, Amy Flemings, Paula Thompson, Tina  
14 Scanlon, Marty Scanlon, Steve Knight, Kathleen Legg, Fred Pearson, Bernice Weston,  
15 Gigi Chapman, Pete Chapman, Donna Hill, Gordon Hill, Richard Staab, Jenny Hughes ,  
16 Joan Farmer, Jason Hoover, Diane Siegriest, Ed Farmer, Dan Strobridge, Pam Hoover,  
17 Eric Henshaw

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19 Martha Heath convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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21 **Budget Work Session**

22 The line-by-line budget was presented. Jennifer Townsend reviewed the redeveloped  
23 budget. Andre Roy reviewed non-discretionary items within the budget. Allison  
24 Weinhausen discussed the tax impact of additional adjustments to the budget, as well as  
25 after potential reductions that could be made (world language and reading specialist,  
26 sidewalk project, eliminating some sports, technology resources, etc.). She also  
27 explained the Challenges for Change legislation (Act 146) and announced the state  
28 reduction target of \$60,666.00. The state expects this amount be reduced from the  
29 Westford 'FY 2012 School Budget. Martha then outlined the discussion format for the  
30 meeting, where community members would discuss the budget in small groups and post  
31 their ideas for the board to review.

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33 Rick Staab (the Athletic Director) said he has a list of things that could be cut from the  
34 athletics budget, including: cross country, volleyball, flag football, and lacrosse. These  
35 would save \$3,000 in stipends. He also suggested cutting transportation for sports.

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37 *The board agreed to wait to defer on making a decision about the sidewalk project.*

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39 Visitors then broke into groups to discuss the budget.

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41 **Identify a Date for a Public Budget Information Meeting**

42 Martha Heath suggested August 18 as the date for the informational meeting. Board  
43 members agreed on this date.

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45 **Accept Recommendation for Professional Appointment**

46 Judith DeNova reported that administration has two candidates for the world language  
47 position.

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49 *Marilyn McConnell moved to offer a .7FTE World Language position and that it*  
50 *represent a shift to Spanish instruction if possible. Andre Roy seconded the motion. The*  
51 *motion failed 1-4 (Martha Heath, Jennifer Townsend, Allison Weinhagen and Andre Roy*  
52 *voted no).*

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54 The board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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56 Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Townsend, Clerk