

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 Westford School Board
3 December 14, 2009
4 Westford Commons
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6 **Board Members Present:** Martha Heath, Jennifer Townsend, Andre Roy, Nathan
7 Lavallee, Marilyn McConnell (6:45 p.m.)
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9 **Administrators Present:** Judith DeNova, Grant Geisler, David Wells
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11 Martha Heath called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
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13 **FY'11 Budget Work Session**

14 Martha Heath opened with remarks to visitors concerning the very tough financial
15 situation we are facing, locally and statewide. Even level funding the school budget will
16 result in higher taxes for Westford residents.
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18 Grant Geisler presented an updated overview of the proposed FY2010-2011 budget.
19 Martha Heath asked for more information on the proposed shift from RN to LPN in the
20 nursing position.
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22 The board discussed the pros and cons of reducing the specialist position. Andre Roy
23 questioned why declining enrollment has not resulted in a reduction of the guidance
24 position. Martha Heath agreed the board will discuss this.
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26 Regarding the physical plant, Grant Geisler said roof repairs will be needed in three to
27 seven years.
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29 Andre Roy expressed concern about funding girls' soccer uniforms. [Visitor] Peggy
30 Palker said HOPE bought new uniforms several years ago. Andre Roy asked for data on
31 which uniforms have been replaced and when.
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33 Martha Heath asked Grant Geisler and David Wells to ensure that the asbestos issue does
34 not pose a safety hazard.
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36 The Board agreed on the need to reduce 1.0 FTE K-6 position. The Board decided to not
37 go for a change in the nursing staffing. The Board asked Grant Geisler to take out the
38 preschool Teaching Assistant position. The Board will bring forward the World
39 Language position and agreed not to make a reduction in the health position. The Board
40 did not agree to reduce the reading specialist's FTE. The Board took out money allocated
41 for soccer uniforms. Andre Roy asked for a closer look at the guidance and library
42 positions.
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44 The Board adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
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46 Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Townsend, Board Clerk.