

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**  
2 Westford School Board  
3 December 22, 2010  
4 Westford School Commons  
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6 **Board Members Present:** Martha Heath, Jennifer Townsend, Andre Roy, Marilyn McConnell  
7 (7:05 p.m.)  
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9 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Grant Geisler, David Wells  
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11 **Others Present:** Alicia Cote, Jeffery Williams  
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13 Martha Heath convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.  
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15 Martha reported that Allison Weinhagen sent notice that she would not be able to make this  
16 meeting.  
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18 **Visitors to be Heard**

19 There were no visitors to be heard.  
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21 **Budget Work Session**

22 Grant Geisler reviewed changes in proposed budget presentation as compared to December 16  
23 meeting. Two major changes are the recently released CLA changes and re-addition of the "I  
24 Love to Read" program. The tax impact of this budget is an increase in homestead rate of 1.1%  
25 (\$13 per \$100,000 of assessed value) or a .01% increase in income-based rates (\$5 per \$50,000  
26 of income). On the revenue side, special education revenues are lower than expected.  
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28 Grant said schools will receive the \$19 million in federal money for jobs in education. It is not  
29 clear, however, how that money can be used. Grant will get more info and report back at the  
30 January 3 meeting.  
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32 The board discussed whether to establish a fund balance for high school tuition, given the  
33 projected spike of high school students in the fall of 2012. The board also discussed  
34 establishment of a smaller fund for the roof repair. The board asked Grant to draft warnings  
35 requesting formation of a \$45,000 fund for high school tuition and a \$5,000 fund for the roof.  
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37 Marilyn suggested a separate article be submitted with regards to expanding the foreign  
38 language program. The board agreed. Grant pointed out this would increase the tax rate. The  
39 board agreed to have Grant warning wording for a separate article for board consideration.  
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41 Marilyn expressed interest in forming a long term planning committee to examine the role of  
42 school in Westford. Discussion of this will go on a January agenda. Should this be a joint  
43 meeting with Select Board?  
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45 The board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.  
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47 Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Townsend.