

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**  
2 Westford School Board Meeting  
3 December 18, 2008  
4 Westford Commons  
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6 **Board Members Present:** Martha Heath, Jennifer Townsend, Nathan Lavallee  
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8 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judith DeNova, Grant Geisler, David Wells  
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10 Martha Heath called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.  
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12 **FY'10 Budget Work Session**

13 Grant Geisler presented the proposed FY'10 budget with the most recent data available.  
14 He still does not have a firm special education revenue number, but expects one this  
15 month.  
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17 Martha Heath asked Grant Geisler to revise the 9-12 enrollment number shown in the  
18 graphic to reflect the actual FY'09 enrollment number. In regards to the parking  
19 proposal, Grant Geisler said he talked to Jerry Shepard regarding the current status of  
20 school plants and equipment. Jerry Shepard said the chip boiler is in good shape, he also  
21 believes the roof is in good shape and he does not foresee any big ticket repairs on the  
22 horizon.  
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24 Martha Heath expressed concerns about the reduction in time available in the FY'10  
25 budget for preschool. Erin Maguire will present data at next month's board meeting  
26 regarding preschool. Martha Heath asked the administrators to determine how many kids  
27 would not have access to preschool due to the loss of the preschool grant. Administrators  
28 will not know until this spring whether Westford will continue to receive this grant.  
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30 The Board discussed budget communication to the community. Jennifer Townsend and  
31 Martha Heath will coordinate efforts. Some possible efforts include:

- 32 • Sending the board's brief to the *Mountain Gazette* (in addition to the Town  
33 Newsletter)
- 34 • Joint mailing by the Select Board and the School Board
- 35 • Publishing periodic factoids in the on-line Front Porch Forum, with links to more  
36 information
- 37 • Early February presentation at the Red Brick Meeting House, to include Mike  
38 Nelson's PowerPoint about the proposed bond issue
- 39 • Use the same forum of the strategic partners list to appeal for support, perhaps by  
40 phone
- 41 • Send bulk mailings, with Town cooperation, for information about the bond  
42 proposal, budget, etc.  
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44 Nathan Lavallee volunteered to attend the DRD meeting with Matt Wamszgan on  
45 January 14 regarding the proposed bond issue.  
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47 The Board expressed appreciation for the informational bond pamphlet, suggesting only a  
48 few minor changes.  
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50 The board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.