

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 Westford School Board Meeting
3 January 5, 2009
4 Westford Commons
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6 **Board Members Present:** Martha Heath, Jennifer Townsend, Nathan Lavallee, Beth
7 Lane (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
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9 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Grant Geisler, Erin Maguire,
10 David Wells
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12 **Others Present:** April Mathieu
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14 Martha Heath convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
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16 **Visitors to be Heard**

17 There were no visitors to be heard.
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19 **Principal's Report**

20 The board asked David Wells to convey appreciation to Gerald Shepard for such great
21 service to Westford School.
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23 **Collective Bargaining**

24 On January 28, the first round of collective bargaining with EJWEA will begin.
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26 **Preschool with Private Providers**

27 Erin Maguire provided an overview of the Westford preschool partnership proposal. A
28 private/public partnership is an agreement between a private preschool and the school
29 district to provide 10 hours of preschool a week. School districts are not required by
30 statute to participate in this type of agreement. However, to apply for an EEI grant, the
31 Westford School District must be in such a relationship. Administration suggests we
32 consider such a relationship with Children's Preschool and Enrichment Program (CPEP).
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34 *Andre Roy moved to ask Erin Maguire to move into a private/public partnership with*
35 *CPEP for up to three (3) slots for the upcoming school year. Beth Lane seconded the*
36 *motion. The motion passed 5-0.*
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38 The board thanked Erin Maguire for her work on this project.
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40 **FY'10 Budget Work Session**

41 Martha Heath asked Grant Geisler for the financial implications of not serving 16
42 students in preschool next year. Martha Heath made a few suggested revisions to the
43 slides prepared for the January 15 joint meeting with the Select Board. The Board asked
44 Grant Geisler to add the cost of a para-professional, part time, for preschool into the
45 budget.
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47 The Select Board would like the Informational Meeting to be held on January 15, 2009 in
48 the Westford School Gym. The Town Clerk has asked whether the school board is
49 budgeting for a re-vote on the budget. The law on discussion of the budget being voted
50 on by Australian Ballot has changed. board agreed to hold an Informational Meeting the
51 Monday evening before the vote.

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53 **Consent Agenda**

54 The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of warrants, the December 8 meeting minutes,
55 and the 2009-2010 Announced Tuition Rate.

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57 The warrants were unavailable and will be approved at a future meeting.

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59 *Beth Lane moved and Andre Roy seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.*

60 *The motion passed 5-0.*

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62 **Executive Session: Collective Bargaining**

63 *Jennifer Townsend moved and Nathan Lavallee seconded the motion to enter into*

64 *Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining. The motion*

65 *passed 5-0.*

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67 The board entered Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 9:10
68 p.m.

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70 The board adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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72 Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Townsend