

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**  
2 Westford School Board Meeting  
3 September 2, 2008  
4 Westford Commons  
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6 **Board Members Present:** Martha Heath, Jennifer Townsend, Beth Lane, Andre Roy,  
7 Nathan Lavallee  
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9 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Grant Geisler, David Wells  
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11 **Others Present:** Tammy Brown, Matt Wamzgan, Mike Nelson, Cherie Dunkley, Dave  
12 Tilton, Joel Fay  
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14 Martha Heath called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.  
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16 **Questions and Comments on the Principal's Report**

17 David Wells will present next month numbers on unexpected enrollments for the fall. He  
18 reviewed the new tool, Discovery Streaming, which gives students and staff opportunities  
19 to view streaming videos from the Discovery Channel on demand.  
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21 **Joint Meeting with the Select Board**

- 22 • School Bus Turnarounds: David Wells agreed to work with the bus company and  
23 the town to find out which land owners have property used for bus turnarounds.  
24 He will forward a map to Gary Esttus of the Town Garage. Martha Heath  
25 wondered whether there is a Vermont law on the issue. Andre Roy asked who  
26 would bear liability if there is a collapse of a culvert.
- 27 • Trails: The school and town trails and maintenance community has maintained  
28 the trails on an informal basis. The issue has been who will prepare the trails for  
29 cross country skiing? Joel Fay noted that it has been a tough summer to do trail  
30 maintenance because of the rain, but he recently did a lot of work on the trails.  
31 He does this as part of the conservation committee. Dave Tilton suggested we  
32 may want to pay someone through a shared contract to mow the trails regularly.  
33 Mike Nelson suggested reimbursing Joel Fay for gas. Martha Heath agreed and  
34 stated that the board would consider putting this item in the budget, sharing the  
35 cost for Joel Fay's services with the town. She asked Joel Fay to submit an  
36 estimate of his costs. Kurt Sherman (athletic director) will discuss the needs of  
37 the cross country team for the trails with Joel Fay.
- 38 • Recreation Program: Cherie Dunkley raised the question of whether there are  
39 more opportunities for sharing between the town and the school. She emphasized  
40 the recreation department's desire to work cooperatively with the school district.  
41 The school district is already coordinating enrollments at the beginning of sport  
42 seasons. It may be necessary to discuss equipment needs. Martha Heath  
43 suggested writing down the details of the relationship. Tammy Brown and Kurt  
44 Sherman will work on creating a draft. Cherie Dunkley emphasized the Select  
45 Board's willingness towards cooperating with the school.

- 46       • School Drive Way: Grant Geisler briefed the select board and the school board on  
47 the status of proposals. He would be interested in discussing any grant  
48 opportunities with CCMPO. The board agreed that Grant Geisler should move  
49 forward with the agreed upon proposal, which calls for separate drop-off areas  
50 (one for parents and one for buses). The board thanked Grant Geisler, Matt  
51 Wamzgan, and Mike Nelson for their work on this project.  
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53 **Action Planning Timeline**

54 David Wells outlined Linda Keating's in-service presentation to Westford staff on the  
55 CCSU Power Standards for the Social Studies Curriculum. This curriculum is now  
56 accessible on-line. Linda Keating will be available next month for questions regarding  
57 the curriculum. Judy DeNova reported that discipline database has been created. She  
58 also discussed a new truancy database. Additionally, she noted that the professional  
59 development plan for the year is available on-line.  
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61 **Consent Agenda**

62 The Consent Agenda consisted of: approval of the August 4, 2008 meeting minutes and  
63 approval of warrants.  
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65 *Nathan Lavalley moved and Andre Roy seconded the motion to approve the Consent*  
66 *Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.*  
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68 **Future Agenda Items**

- 69       • Budget  
70       • Action planning timeline – curriculum  
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72 **Executive Session: Collective Bargaining**

73 *Andre Roy moved and Beth Lane seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session to*  
74 *discuss Collective Bargaining. The motion passed 5-0.*  
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76 The board entered into Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. and exited Executive Session at  
77 9:15 p.m.  
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79 The board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.  
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81 Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Townsend