

DORSET BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

THE DORSET SCHOOL

DORSET, VERMONT

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013

6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting
Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____
3. Report of the Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Discussion/Action – Danby Bus to BBA (*info. to be brought to mtg*)
Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____
 - b) Discussion – Ends Policies
 - c) Discussion – Negotiations Update (Executive Session Requested)
4. Report of the Principal
5. Employment: Appointments/Resignations
 - a) Discussion/Action – Principal Evaluation and Recommendation for Principal Hire (to be brought to mtg) (Executive Session Requested)
Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____
 - b) Hiring Update
6. Directors' Orders and Financial Statements
7. Public Comment
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment
Motion _____ Second _____ Action _____ Time _____

Board Members:

Bob Allen

Jennifer Allen

David Chandler

Vickie Haskins

James Salsgiver

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

Dorset (Tues, 6:00pm) (*unless otherwise noted*)

Apr. 23, 2013

May 28, 2013

Jun. 25, 2013

Aug. 27, 2013

Sep. 24, 2013

Oct. 22, 2013

Nov. 26, 2013

Dec. 17, 2013 (3rd Tues.)

Jan. 14, 2014 (2nd Tues.)

Feb. 25, 2014

Mar. 25, 2014

BRSU Board (MEMS - Mon., 7pm) (*unless otherwise noted*)

May 20, 2013

Sep. 30, 2013

Oct. 21, 2013

Nov. 18, 2013

Dec. 16, 2013

Mar. 31, 2014

**Dorset Board of School Directors
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
The Dorset School, Dorset, Vermont**

In Attendance: Jennifer Allen, Bob Allen, David Chandler – Board Chair, Dan French – BRSU Superintendent, Vickie Haskins, Rosanna Moran – TDS Principal, Jim Salsgiver

Absent: None

Audience: Scott Stewart

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Superintendent Daniel French.

2. Board Organization

1) *A motion to elect David Chandler as Chairperson of the Dorset Board of School Directors was made by Bob Allen. Motion seconded by Jennifer Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.*

Mr. French handed the meeting over to newly re-elected Chairperson David Chandler.

2) *A motion to elect Jennifer Allen as Clerk of the Dorset Board of School Directors was made by Bob Allen. Motion seconded by Jim Salsgiver. All were in favor, motion carried.*

3) *A motion was made to elect David Chandler, Vickie Haskins and Jim Salsgiver as BRSU Board Representatives of the Dorset Board of School Directors. All were in favor, motion carried.*

4) *A motion to authorize Chairperson, David Chandler, to sign Previously Approved Contracts was made by Jim Salsgiver. Motion seconded by Vickie Haskins. All were in favor, motion carried.*

5) *A motion to appoint Hal Coolidge as Truant Officer for the Dorset School District was made by Jim Salsgiver. Motion seconded by Jen Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.*

6) *A motion to designate Bennington Banner as the official newspaper of the Dorset School District was made by Bob Allen. Motion seconded by Jen Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.*

7) *A motion to adopt the following Dorset Board of School Directors Meeting Dates was made by Jim Salsgiver. Motion seconded by Vickie Haskins. All were in favor, motion carried.*

Day: 4th Tuesday*

Time: 6:00PM*

Location: The Dorset School*

*** unless otherwise noted**

April 23, 2013

May 28, 2013

June 25, 2013

No July Meeting

August 27, 2013

September 24, 2013

October 22, 2013

November 26, 2013

December 17, 2013 (3rd Tuesday)

January 14, 2014 (2nd Tuesday)

February 25, 2014

March 25, 2014 (ORGZ. MEETING)

8) For informational purposes - BRSU email addresses are available for Board members, please email Celeste Keel to get a @brsu.org address.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2013 Board meeting was made by Vickie Haskins. Motion seconded by Jim Salsgiver. There several corrections suggested. All were in favor of approving the minutes as amended, motion carried.

4. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

a) Discussion/Action – Tuition Request - Superintendent French presented a tuition request for one student attending BBA.

A motion to approve the Tuition Request was made by Bob Allen. Motion seconded by Jim Salsgiver. All were in favor, motion carried.

b) Distribution - Board Member Information Sheet (please complete and return to BRSU)

Other) Superintendent French invited the Board members to attend the BRSU leadership forum on April 25th at the Equinox Hotel. There will be presentations by Dr. Bob Goodman of Bergen, NJ on building a world class math and science curriculum, and Dr. David Silvernail with his plan for school improvement.

The Principal rehire process and evaluation is coming up in April. Mr. French will be working with Mrs. Moran to write the employment contract.

The school's water purification system's UV unit was deemed defective and needed to be replaced. The system was originally purchased with a construction loan forgiveness process. The replacement unit was paid out of pocket at a cost of approximately \$3,000. Mr. French is working to get TDS a reimbursement from the construction loan, which requires the construction loan be amended to include those funds. In April, the loan will be forgiven and the reimbursement issued. Mr. French asked the Board to vote to amend the loan so he can complete the process.

A motion to approve amending the construction loan equal to the cost of the replacement unit was made by Jim Salsgiver. Motion seconded by Bob Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.

5. Report of the Principal

Mrs. Moran shared a copy of the Principal's Report, as follows:

The Dorset School

Principal's Report

Rosanna Moran

March 2013

Enrollment as of 3/13 - 179

Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences were held the afternoons of March 13th and March 14th. We are looking to make these conferences more inclusive, and schedule them at a better time. They are currently the week before report cards, and the same week as the SU Wide Spring Professional Development Day (March 15). NECAP and NWEA Scores were given out to parents during conferences.

National Geography Bee

John Sebastian Thorn, was the winner of The Dorset School Geo-Bee, held in February. Due to the results of a written test, taken at the Regional level, he now qualifies to compete in the State Geo Bee in Middlebury on May 11th.

Professional Development

One Great Day of Sharing will be held at MEMS on March 15th for all teachers in the SU. They will come together in Horizontal Teams to identify resources, and make them available on a shared Haiku page. Three of these teams will be facilitated by Dorset Teachers.

Bingo Night

Parents of students in grades 5 and 6 hosted a Bingo Night fundraiser to raise money for the students' trip to Boston. This was one of those great nights that was an enjoyable community building event as well as a successful fundraiser. There were

over 160 people in attendance, including community members with no direct link to the school, and the evening netted over 1100.00!

Art from the Schools

The Southern Vermont Arts Center will be hosting The Art From the Schools Art Show from March 23 to April 10th. All of The Dorset School students have been invited to showcase a piece of art in the show.

JISP

We have successfully completed another JISP season! Students had their last half day for JISP on Tuesday, March 12th. Although this provided us with some very productive Professional Development time and some great outdoor exercise for the students, we will all be happy to get back to a normal schedule!

Lockdown Drill

We practiced a lockdown drill Thursday, March 14th. All went smoothly.

Mrs. Moran announced that TDS will be hosting an art show again on May 2nd. Ms. Allen asked if there will be a dessert reception as there was last spring, to which Mrs. Moran replied she is not sure yet.

In regards to JISP: Ms. Allen thanked Bromley Mountain for facilitating an amazing program which requires a lot of organization. Amy Zimmer of Bromley Outing Club did an outstanding job with communications to parents. Thanks to Derek Chalmers for building an awesome ski/snowboard rack for the bus to make equipment transportation to the mountain easier.

6. Employment: Appointments/Resignations

a) Discussion/Action - Teacher Rehire Recommendation for 2013-2014

A motion to approve the rehire of the following teachers for 2013-2014 was made by Jim Salsgiver. Motion seconded by Jen Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.

Name	FTE
Beavin, Kandace	1.00
Bodhorn, Kimberly	1.00
Brophy, Debbie	1.00
Chalmers, Amanda	1.00
Ferris-Hubbard, Christine	1.00
Gray, Esther	1.00
Launderville, Russ	1.00
Marchinkoski, Lisa	1.00
Marsh, Beth	1.00
McGann, Heather	1.00
Mitchell, Linda	1.00
Morey, Kristen	1.00
Morgan, Elizabeth	1.00
Panetta, Amy	1.00
Pierce, Peter	1.00
Saltonstall, Ellen	1.00
Sumner, Stephanie	1.00
Tate, Phyllis	1.00
Uribe, Diego	1.00
Vail, Michele	1.00
Willard, Francis	1.00
Williams, Jane	1.00
Total FTE:	22

There has been a 0.5 FTE reduction which is a SPED position that is being eliminated because the student need is no longer there.

b) Hiring Update - Mrs. Moran reported that there is an anticipated, but not yet official resignation.

7. Directors' Orders and Financial Statements

Reviewed and signed by Board members and returned to Superintendent French.

8. Public Comment

Scott Stewart asked for an update on the BBA bussing issue. Mr. Chandler replied that the board didn't understand there was a sense of urgency, therefore, there is not yet a resolution. Mr. French said that the east side of town is awaiting an answer from the Danby Board about those students being picked up by a Danby bus on the way by. That answer should be forthcoming on Thursday, March 21st at their next meeting.

The west side of town could possibly be served by a SPED bus or carpool. The main issue to being able to provide a bus to the west side of town is a shortage of drivers, in order to be able to pick up BBA students at a convenient time. Mr. Chandler suggests piloting a program for the last few months of the school year to really determine how much interest there is, i.e. how many students will use the service. This will require hiring another bus driver, so Mr. Chandler suggested that an ad be placed.

There was a discussion of the different aspects of the issue, and it was decided that this would be discussed further at the April meeting. The Board encourages concerned parents to attend the meeting and join in the discussion.

9. Other Business

Mr. Chandler suggested creating a 'dashboard' of sorts, as a quick read of what's happening each month. He suggests starting with what the regular topics discussed and/or other indicators, such as how many new students and how many have left and how many student suspensions/other disciplinary actions have occurred. Bob agreed that it is a good idea and offered the idea of creating an annual calendar of tasks/issues/discussions for monitoring purposes.

Mr. French replied that the BRSU policy committee is working on ENDS monitoring policies, which will be the same SU-wide for efficiency. He encourages the Board to customize the monitoring to best suit its needs and feels that will be along the same lines as what Mr. Chandler is suggesting be created.

Mr. Salsgiver suggested that it might be time again to engage the community about ENDS policies and the process. Mr. Chandler suggested that the Board devote a portion of a meeting to a public discussion on ENDS, as it might be easier to get attendance than at a standalone event.

Mr. Salsgiver reported that he met with representatives of Integrated Solar and a funder Green Lantern. There will be a site visit next Wednesday, March 27th at TDS as well as other possible sites around town. He gave an overview of the solar panel system as it pertains to TDS. There will be more info to come.

Executive Session

At 7:26PM, a motion to call the meeting into Executive Session was made by Jennifer Allen. Motion seconded by Bob Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.

The following item was discussed:

Student Issue

10. Adjournment

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:04PM.

The meeting was promptly adjourned at 8:05PM by Chairperson David Chandler.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 6:00 PM at The Dorset School.

Respectfully submitted by

Renee Bornstein