

**Washington South Supervisory Union  
Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2017 – 5:30 PM  
Roxbury Village School Town Hall  
Approved: December 4, 2017**

**Present:** Emily Gray, Member; Mike Bailey, Member; Kate Jackson, Clerk; Jon Guiffre, Chair; Ryan Zajac, Member; Sophia Bennett, Member; Laurie Gossens, WSSU Superintendent; Ben Brownell, RVS/NES Principal

**1.0 Call to Order:** *The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.*

**2.0 Approve Consent Agenda**

*Mike Bailey moved to approve; Emily Gray seconded. Vote: Yes—5; No—0; Abstain—0. Approved.*

2.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2017 (Exhibit 2.1)

*Approved with addition regarding resignation of Food Service Director, advertisement of position.*

2.2 Bills and Orders' Summary (Exhibit 2.2)

2.3 Hiring (Exhibit 2.3)

**3.0 Audience and Communications**

**4.0 Reports**

4.1 Superintendent's Report (Exhibit 4.1)

*Discussion centered around Bridges Afterschool grant funding.*

**5.0 Board Discussion and Action Session**

5.1 Discussion and Action on authorizing the Superintendent to appear and vote on behalf of the Board at the Annual VEHI and VSBIT meetings

*Mike Bailey moved to approve on behalf of WSSU board and all its deciding entities (Northfield, Roxbury, and WSSU), as amended; Ryan Zajac seconded. Vote: Yes—6; No—0; Abstain—0. Approved.*

5.2 VSBA Dues

*The massive increase in cost aided in our final decision. Question: Would the dues pay for our new boards in regards to training? Yes, they would. Questions for discussion: Would the money be better spend if put towards our students? What is the reasoning behind the enormous cost increase? If Williamstown paid, are we double-paying for the new board if Northfield pays? VSBA does not provide legal counsel.*

*Emily Gray moved to send VSBA a letter declining to be members this school year; Ryan Zajac seconded. Vote: Yes—6; No—0; Abstain—0. Approved.*

**6.0 Future Board Meetings**

WSSU    December 4, 2017    Northfield Brown Public Library

**7.0 Adjournment:** *The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Katlyn Jackson, Clerk