

**Washington South Supervisory Union
Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.
Brown Public Library Community Room
Approved: January 3, 2017**

Present: Jon Guiffre, Chair; Justin Wrigley, Vice-Chair; Katlyn Jackson, Acting-Clerk; Sophia Bennett; Peter Evans; Mike Bailey; Ryan Zajac; Laurie Gossens, Superintendent; Chris Locarno, Business Manager. **Absent:** Emily Gray.

Community Members: Eilis O'Herlihy.

1.0 Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Jon Guiffre at 5:31 p.m.

2.0 Approve Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Peter Evans and seconded by Mike Bailey to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting and the Bills and Order Summary totaling \$\$624,934.12. Vote: Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstention – 1. Approved.

3.0 Audience and Communications:

None.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent Gossens shared her report with the Board which was followed by an FY18 Budget Presentation

5.0 Discussion and Action:

5.1 Discussion and action on Fund Balance: FY16 has a fund balance of \$205,000. A recommendation was made to allocate \$150,000 to the Town Assessment and \$55,000 to Bridges. A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Ryan Zajac to approve the allocations as recommended. Vote: Yes – 7; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.2 Discussion and action on Extension of Bus Contract: A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Justin Wrigley to approve a one year contract extension with the current bussing company, STA, with an increase around 1%. Vote: Yes – 7; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

5.3 Discussion and action on Superintendent's Position: There was discussion regarding possible scenarios for the Northfield Superintendent's Office next year in Laurie Gossens' absence. Some possible scenarios being that the Williamstown Superintendent would be working with Northfield in anticipation of a merger or the possibility of an interim superintendent. No action taken.

6.0 Board Work Session:

6.1 Updates and Discussion on Act 46 Governance Studies:

The Roxbury Board members provided an update regarding the status of the Roxbury/Montpelier 706 Study by providing the timeline of the study as well as identifying Jon Guiffre and Ryan Zajac as the Roxbury board members participating on the committee. The 706 Study Committee for Roxbury/Montpelier will be made up of 2 Roxbury Board members, 3 Montpelier Board members and 2 community members.

The Northfield Board members provide an update regarding the status of the Northfield/Williamstown 706 Study by providing a timeline. The Northfield Board will also be discussing whether or not to be an advisable school to the Roxbury/Montpelier Study.

7.0 Future Board Meetings:

WSSU	December 5, 2016	Brown Public Library Community Room	5:30 p.m.
*WSSU	January 3, 2017	Brown Public Library Community Room	5:00 p.m.
WSSU	February 13, 2016	Roxbury Village School Library	5:30 p.m.

***There was consensus among the Board to add a meeting date on January 3, 2017 at the Brown Public Library starting at 5:00 p.m., preceding the Northfield School Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katlyn Jackson, Acting Clerk