

Bristol Elementary School Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2011
Bristol Elementary School Library

Members Attending: Chico Martin, Kelly Lalibertie, Kris Perlee, Karl Ginalski

Members Absent: Steve Barsalou

Also attending: Principal Catrina DiNapoli, Superintendent Evelyn Howard, Rory Shannon, Mary Arbuckle of NEAT-TV

1. V. Chair C. Martin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

a. Assign Timekeeper – K. Ginalski

2. Visitors' Business: None

3. Board Items:

- a. Financial Conditions & Activities Monitoring Report – E. Howard noted the variations from budget and changes from the last month's report. The available balance is approximately \$60,000, forty of which was designated from EJV funds at the last meeting. The administration does not recommend use of the sinking fund since a boiler was not purchased and those funds covered the overage in costs of EEBCG projects.
- b. Discussion of Act 153 and Study Committee Proposal – C. Martin requested that each member make a statement on their perspective regarding a study committee. K. Lalibertie would like more knowledge about consolidation and feels that participating would be informative. K. Perlee believes that consolidation has already been studied. K. Ginalski doesn't see any harm for a study and being part of the study is the only commitment to be made; C. Martin expressed opposition to the study. He believes that Bristol's demographics and political identity are significantly different from the other towns. He is against centralization and believes authority should be kept at the local level. He believes that with one Board Lincoln couldn't have defended their position. He is opposed to the study as a waste of time. K. Ginalski suggested that the study might provide evidence not to consolidate.

K.Lalibertie moved to not participate in the study; seconded by K. Perlee. Voted and passed 3:1 not to participate.

- c. Report on Sinking Fund: See a above.
- d. Report on Negotiations: E. Howard read from the talking points being reported at each board meeting. Met twice—Established ground rules; discussion extensive regarding open meeting; agreed to disagree and Board will continue open meeting; meetings schedule set for Aug, Sep, and Oct; both teams have begun presentation of proposals; to be completed at the August meeting; minutes of 5/23 approved and posted with the Ground Rules on the SU website; minutes of 6/6 to be approved before posting in August
- e. Other
- i. Commissioner's Required Actions: E. Howard distributed Year 1 Corrective Action obligations under V.S.A. Title 16 section 165(b). **K. Lalibertie moved to authorize the board chair to sign in acknowledgement of the required actions; seconded by K. Ginalski. Voted and approved.**

- ii. Complaint policy changes—E. Howard distributed a letter and drafted changes to the complaint policy. She explained that the Admin Team will consider the changes in a couple of weeks. Discussion about how administrators document different kinds of complaints followed. The Board would like to see changes in the early fall.

4. Consent Agenda: K. Ginalski moved to accept the Consent Agenda a through h; seconded by K. Lalibertie. K. Perlee moved to amend the Early Education lease to be modified to include specific space description for the leased area. Voted and approved. Amended motion approved.

a. Pay Orders:

Run #	Amount		PR #	Amount
23	\$76,321.36		23	\$116,001.54
24	\$18,430.41		24	\$118,018.20
25	\$92,861.82		25	\$118,518.83
26	\$36,451.23		0	\$0.00
26a	\$2,250.00		0	\$0.00
Total	\$226,314.82		Total	\$352,538.57

b. Pay Orders from April 4, 2011 (excluded from Consent Agenda approval)

Run #	Amount		PR #	Amount
20	\$18,641.02		19	\$115,403.73
20a	\$100.00		20	\$117,096.28
20b	\$264.00		0	\$0.00
Total	\$19,005.02		Total	\$232,500.01

c. Minutes: May 9, 2011

d. Adopt Resolution re: 403(b) Plan and Authorize Chair to Sign

e. Approve Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,400,000 with the People's United Bank for the 2011-12 School Year

f. Authorize the Superintendent to Make Hiring Commitments Prior to August 8, 2011

g. Approve the Lease Agreement with the ANESU Early Education Program for the 2011-12 School Year

h. Approve Support Staff Policy for 2011-12

5. Executive Session: K. Lalibertie moved to go into executive session at 6:18 under T.1 V.S.A. Ch.5 section 313 (a)(3) personnel; seconded by K. Ginalski. Voted and approved. K. Ginalski moved to come out of executive session at 6:28; seconded by K. Perlee. Voted and approved.

K. Perlee moved to approve an unpaid leave of absence as requested by Peg Sutlive; seconded by K. Ginalski. Voted and approved.

Re-schedule August meeting (not available week of Aug 8th)

6. K.Ginalski moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by K. Perlee. Voted and approved.

Minutes submitted by Evelyn Howard