

**CHELSEA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2013**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**Chelsea School Library**  
**MINUTES – Approved 4/3/13**

School Board Members Present:

Joe Spinella  
Emily Marshia  
Kylie Eastman  
Rebecca Mattoon  
Calvin Johnson

Administration Present:

David Bickford – Superintendent  
Tara Weatherell – Note Taker  
Mark Blount – Principal

Community Members:

None

Faculty Present:

Cass Bath

Students Present:

Elisha Mattoon

- 1.0 Call to Order **Meeting called to order at 6:37**
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.0 Action: Approve Minutes
  - 1.1 Action: Act to Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2013 **Board moved and approved the minutes of March 6, 2013 as written.**
  - 1.2 Review Previous Action Items: **No Action Items to review**
  - 1.3 Other
- 4.0 Adjustments to the Agenda:
  - 4.1 Assign Times **Board assigned Target Times**
  - 4.2 Appoint Time Keeper **Board appointed**
  - 4.3 Other
- 5.0 Correspondence: **None**
  - 5.1 Other
- 6.0 Public Comments: **None**
  - 6.1 Other: Elisha Mattoon shared about the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Law School Day and felt it was great to have the two activities back to back because they got to see the same kids each day and got to know each other better and were comfortable.
    - 6.1.1 There were 5 different activities that all of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the district split up in to groups to participate in. One of them was the “drunken” goggles activity, which included completing several activities while wearing the goggles to demonstrate how coordination and other senses are effected when one drinks too much. Another activity was to develop your Leadership skills and to know that it is okay to ask for help.
- 7.0 Reports
  - 7.1 Business Manager

- 7.1.1 Report: Current Financials (exhibit 1)  
Reviewed the Current Financials – anticipated balance of \$40,902  
Lunch Report is showing a current deficit of \$5,731 thru January 2013
- 7.1.2 Other:

## 7.2 Principal

- 7.2.1 Report: Principal's Report (exhibit 2)
  - 7.2.1.1 The day school was delayed secondary to weather and then closed due to water main break does not count as a school day as students were not in school long enough that day to qualify as a school day. Instead it is counted as one of the 4 snow days along with yesterday so the school has none left.
  - 7.2.1.2 David has been working with Alicia Wagner on obtaining all the policies that are in place currently and to help develop the cycle for reviewing, updating and consistency through the OWSU.
  - 7.2.1.3 Kindergarten Screening will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 7.2.1.4 Mindy Farnham took several students from the Student Council to a conference that focused on bullying and they are working on bringing it back to the entire school
  - 7.2.1.5 Internet & WiFi passwords will be changing tomorrow and will be changing 2 to 3 times a year. Review of the Board's acceptable use policy indicates that Electronic Devices are acceptable if done during instruction only. Discussed the ability to have reports generated to show the websites and internet activity that has taken place with all students, faculty and employees.
  - 7.2.1.6 Heskett Fund Balance \$23,870.69 2012-103 Senior Projects spend \$242.65; Cap = Prior Approval Required up to \$200 max per student.
  - 7.2.1.7 Lisa Forbes has been selected for the Grade 1-2 Long Term Substitute Teacher
  - 7.2.1.8 Lori Elred has been selected for long term SPED substitute Para-educator.
  - 7.2.1.9 Parents' Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 7.2.1.10 Shared a letter of recognition that Parrish Eiskamp received from a colleague at South Royalton. **The board congratulates Parrish on this acknowledgment.**
  - 7.2.1.11 Smarter Balance Pilot required by State has a lot of "wrinkles" ranging from staff/student understanding, provision of instruction, administration and formatting; Students have a key of symbols that are allowed to be used and overall it was difficult to follow.
  - 7.2.1.12 Graduation for High School June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 6 or 6:30
  - 7.2.1.13 Graduation for Middle School June 13, 2013 at 6 or 6:30
- 7.2.2 Other:

## 7.3 Superintendent

- 7.3.1 Report: Board Retreat (set date and place) **May 15, 2013 at 5:30 Joe's House**
- 7.3.2 Report: Legislative Update
  - 7.3.2.1 Reviewed latest discussions in the Legislature revolving around Private School Funding and Enrollment
  - 7.3.2.2 Discussion about Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement Courses
  - 7.3.2.3 PLPs will get transaction
  - 7.3.2.4 Ed Fund is going to be amended up to .94
- 7.3.3 Athletic Appointment recommendations received from Athletic Director, Parrish Eiskamp and Principal, Mark Blount. **Action: Board moved and approved the recommended appointments for spring coaching staff as follows:**
  - 7.3.3.1 John Parker Varsity Lacrosse \$2400
  - 7.3.3.2 Parrish Eiskamp Varsity Baseball \$2125
  - 7.3.3.3 Emma Blanchard Middle School Lacrosse \$800
  - 7.3.3.4 James Blondin Assistant Varsity Baseball \$500
  - 7.3.3.5 Peter Amber Assistant Varsity Lacrosse \$500
  - 7.3.3.6 Donny Wilcox Varsity/Middle School Track \$1000
  - 7.3.3.7 Laurie Braman Assistance Varsity Track \$800
- 7.3.4 Other:

- 7.4 OWSU
  - 7.4.1 Report: Update on Negotiations:  
Meeting tomorrow night will be about language. Moving forward into meeting in April discussions will focus on salaries
  - 7.4.2 Future Meeting Dates:  
**March 21, 2013 @ 6:00 PM – Negotiations @ South Royalton**  
**March 27, 2013 @ 6:30 PM – Executive Committee @ OWSU**  
**April 11, 2013 @ 6:30 – Full Board Meeting @ Sharon?**
- 8.0 RTCC Representative
  - 8.1 Report: **None**
  - 8.2 Other:
- 9.0 Old Business
  - 9.1 Report: Energy Committee Report
  - 9.2 Solar Panel Issue
    - 9.2.1 Joe shared the email with the board indicating that the Historic District will need to give approval. Joe would like to invite the individuals to come to the first meeting in April to present a proposal that will then be used to present to the DRB. **Please add this to the next agenda.**
  - 9.3 Policy Review
  - 9.4 Other: Kylie communicated with Sheriff Bohnyak via email to request that the Sheriff's department assist with truancy issues in the event that Tracy Simon is unavailable. Sheriff Bohnyak indicated that he and Tracy Simon are working together to develop a plan when she is not available. Once the plan has been develop, Sheriff Bohnyak advised he would be in touch with the final plan.
- 10.0 New Business
  - 10.1 Report: State of Vermont Agency of Transportation Scope & Report for Bridge 9 (by Vet's Office) & 11 (by Brookhaven) Board reviewed and discussed the findings in the report. The board will be writing a letter to the VAT in response sharing the concerns and any recommendations. The board will also be writing a letter the Chelsea Select Board.
  - 10.2 Other:
- 11.0 Future Agenda Items:
  - 11.1 Special Revenue Funds
  - 11.2 Other
- 12.0 Future Chelsea Meetings
  - 12.1 Regular Meetings  
April 3, 2013 @ 6:30 PM  
April 17, 2013 @ 6:30 PM
- 13.0 Other Business
- 14.0 Executive Session: (*Personnel*)
  - 14.1 Entered Executive session at 8:50
  - 14.2 Return to public session at 9:10
  - 14.3 **Action: The board voted and declined the request made by Janet Abbott for a 9 day leave of absence at the start of the 2013-14 school year.**
- 15.0 Adjourn (*Target Time 9:00 PM*): 9:11

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Weatherell, Note Taker  
Kylie Eastman, Clerk