

WSWSU Superboard Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Regular Board Meeting minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Readsboro School 301 Phelps Ln, Readsboro, VT

Attending: Kristy Corey, Cindy Lamore, Paul Blais, Jason Hartnett, John Haeckel, Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Jim Irace, Cindy Florence, Brian Rower

Also: Bill Bazyk, Abby Arnold

Attending remotely: Jared Kingsley, Pam Somerville, Kathy Larsen

Also attending remotely: Mike Eldred, Tina Bly, Valerie Ray, Jill Graham

I. Call to Order by Kristy at 6:31 p.m.

II. Agenda Additions or Deletions - none


III. Approval of Minutes - So moved by Jason Hartnett, second by Cindy Lamore. All in favor. Motion passed.

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IV. Fiscal Matters

- Warrant Update - Kristy reported that she signed \$1,337,808.13 in warrants Bill summarized audit reports, stating district financial reports will be available at regular October meetings.
- FY24 Audit
- FY25 Pre Audit
- FY26 report

V. Reports and Updates

- Act 73  Act 73 Task Force Timeline Bill reviewed the status of the task force and let us know that one of the maps they are considering is centered around regional tech centers and counties. Kristy reminded the board that she will be completing the task force survey on behalf of the SU on October 6. If anyone has input on it, please let her know before October 6.

VI. Hearing of Visitors

- [Visitor Rules](#)




VII. Discussion

- Special Education Presentation slide show by Bill. Reviewed history of special education laws, using a variety of education references from popular media. Most recent law is IDEA of 2004. It stated that all children have the right to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE). Bill stated that implementation of IDEA has been complicated and expensive. Compliance has been difficult. A new collaborative, represented at our meeting by Jill Graham, is looking at more effective ways of serving our students; they will have a formal proposal for us to consider in November. In the meantime,

Bill is developing a two year plan for the SU that will better serve all students, streamline resources, and help us achieve more compliance.

- Review of VSBA Recommended Policies as [outlined](#) - Bill requested that we all review these policies prior to our district meetings so each board can discuss and decide on applicability for their own schools. First readings at SU level will take place in November.

VIII. Items for Discussion with Possible Action

- Audit Contract  RHR Smith Audit FY25-26.proposal Bill reviewed contract. Jason moved to accept the contract with RHR Smith. Second by Pam. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Hiring Recommendations - Bill presented two new special education teacher candidates.
 Lynn Palen Special Education Teacher.pdf and
 Nathaniel P. van Osdol Special Education Teacher.pdf If hired, both would become certified in special education through a program that allows people with a BA to earn a two year probationary license. Paul moved to appoint Lynn Palen and Nathaniel P. Van Osdol as special education teachers in the SU. Second by Jason. All in favor. Motion passed.

IX. Executive Session entered at 8:15 p.m.

- Moved by Cindy Lamore, second by Paul, to find that premature general public knowledge of labor relations will place the board at a substantial disadvantage. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Jason moved that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage regarding labor relations agreements with employees as per VSA 313 (a)(1) . Second by Paul. All in favor. Motion passed.

X. Return to Regular Session at 8:38 p.m. with no action.

XI. Next Scheduled Meetings

- November 5, 2025 at Halifax

XII. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. - So moved by Jason, second by Pam. All in favor. Motion passed.
Minutes submitted by Kathy Larsen.