

**Minutes – VSBA Business Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar
October 17, 2024**

VOTING DELEGATES: Michael Inners, Grand Isle SU; Renick Darnell-Martin, Missisquoi Valley SD; Jack McCarthy, Maple Run USD; Meghan Metzler, Champlain Valley SD; Tara Arneson, Mount Mansfield UUSD; Bob Flint, River Valley Tech Center SD; Eric Montbriand, Greater Rutland County SU, Mark Koenig, Addison Northwest SD; Nancy LeClerc, Barre Unified Union SD; Ursula Stanley, Washington Central UUSD; Akua Smith, Franklin Northeast SD; Clayton Cargill, Caledonia Central SU; Mark Clough, Caledonia Central SU; Martine Gulick, Burlington SD; Laura Taylor, Essex Westford SD; Melanie Virgilio, Bennington Rutland SU; Neil ODeIl, SAU Unit #70; Cheryl Charles, Windham Northeast SD; Jennifer Patterson, Franklin West SU; Robert Millar, Winooski SD; Mary B Lennox, Rutland City SD; Jeannie Albert, Lincoln SD; Laurie Bertrand, Rutland Northeast SU; Angela Colbeth, Orange East SU; Kerry Amidon, Windham Southeast; Barbara Postman, Orleans Central SD; Joe Winrich, Windham Central SU; Nancy Russell, Hartford SD

Others in attendance: Flor Diaz Smith, VSBA President; Jim Salsgiver, VSBA Treasurer; Suzanne Buck, Clare Wool, Linda Smith, Angela Arsenault, Dan MacArthur, Windham Central, Katie Nelson, Heather Chadwick, Edye Graning, Sonya Spaulding; Kerri Lamb, Sandra Cameron, Debbie Singiser, Sue Ceglowski.

26 voting delegates (60% = 16 needed to pass a resolution)

I. **CALL TO ORDER** by Flor Diaz Smith, VSBA President at 6:12

II. MINUTES

1. Nancy Leclerc, Barre UUSD moved to approve the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting
2. Jim Salsgiver, BRSU seconded the motion

One change to the minutes: Washington Central UUSD is listed in the minutes as a Supervisory Union, but should be changed to Washington Central Unified Union School District.

3. Motion passed 24 yes; 1 abstention

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Melanie Virgilio Bennington Rutland SU moved to accept the President's Report.
2. Ursula Stanley, Washington Central UUSD seconded the motion
3. Motion passed by 26 votes

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Barbara Postman, Orleans Central SU moved to accept the Executive Director's Report.
2. Nancy LeClerc, Barre UUSD seconded the motion
3. Motion passed by 26 votes.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Michael Inners, Grand Isle SU moved to accept the Treasurer's Report.
2. Ursula Stanley, Washington Central UUSD seconded the motion
3. Motion passed by 26 votes

VI. BYLAWS REPORT

1. Mark Koenig, Addison Northwest SD moved that we adopt the Bylaws changes recommended by the VSBA Board as set forth in the Bylaws Report in the meeting packet.
2. Barbara Postman, Orleans Central SU, seconded the motion
3. Motion passed by 26 votes

VII. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 1: Submitted by the Norwich School Board, *Raising the Non-Residential Tax Rate*. BOARD RECOMMENDATION: PASS as a Continuing Resolution
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED: Resolution 1
 - b. Neil Odell, SAU 70 moved to accept the resolution as submitted.
 - c. Nancy Russell, Hartford SD seconded the motion
 - d. Motion passed with 26 votes
2. Resolution 2: Submitted by the Lake Region Union High School Board, *Adding language to existing Resolution V.B 4*. BOARD RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO POSITION.
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED: Resolution 2
 - b. Barbara Postman, Orleans Central SU moved to adopt resolution 2 as a regular resolution
 - c. Ursula Stanley, Washington Central UUSD seconded the motion
 - d. Motion passed by a majority of 18 yes votes; 4 no; 6 abstentions
3. Resolution 3: Submitted by the VSBA Resolutions Committee, *Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence*. BOARD RECOMMENDATION: PASS as a continuing resolution.
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED: Resolution 3
 - b. Jeannie Albert, Lincoln SD] moved to accept the resolution as submitted.
 - c. Barbara Postman, Orleans Central SU seconded the motion
 - d. Motion passed by a majority of 22 yes votes; 2 no votes, 3 abstentions.
4. Resolution 4: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee. *Cell Phone Usage*. BOARD RECOMMENDATION: PASS as a continuing resolution.
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED: Resolution 4
 - b. Barbara Postman, Orleans Central SU, moved to adopt resolution 2 as a regular resolution
 - c. Eric Montbriand, Greater Rutland SU seconded the motion
 - d. Motion passed by a majority of 21 votes; 4 no votes.
5. Resolution 5: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee. *Language be added to 3 V.S.A. § 2702 regarding the appointment of the Secretary of Education*. BOARD RECOMMENDATION: PASS as a continuing resolution.
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED: Resolution 5

- b. Ursula Stanley, Washington UUSD moved to adopt resolution 2 as a regular resolution
 - c. Nancy Russell, Hartford SD seconded the motion
 - d. Motion passed by a majority vote of 19; 4 no votes; 1 abstention
- 6. Move that we accept the slate of changes to the existing resolutions as recommended by the VSBA Board and as set forth in the resolutions report in the meeting packet.”
 - a. Barbara Postman, Orleans Central SU, [SU name] moved to accept the slate of changes to the existing resolutions
 - b. Michael Inners, Grand Isle SU seconded the motion
 - c. Motion passed by a majority vote of 23 yes votes

VIII. Report of the Task Force on Collaboration to Benefit All Students

Clare Wool thanked the VSBA for the opportunity to chair the task force, and the members of the task force. Thanks were given to Meagan Roy who wrote the report.

IX. Other Business

Recognition of departing VSBA Board members: Sonya Spaulding, Tara Sweet, Diane Kirson Glitman.

X. Adjourn

- 1. Suzanne Buck moved to adjourn at 7:39 pm
- 2. Martine Gulick seconded the motion.