

WINDHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2005

WORKSHOP MEETING

Members of the Windham School Board met on October 12, 2005 in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall for a Workshop Meeting. The Workshop Meeting was held immediately following a Special Meeting. Present were Chairman Mike Duffy, Kate Brix, Ann Rich, Donna Cobb, Mary Wassick, Jeff Vermette, and Superintendent Sandy Prince. Absent: Toby Pennels

School Calendars for school years 2006 – 2007 and 2007 – 2008

Board members discussed the draft calendars for the 2006 – 2007 and the 2007 – 2008 school years. They suggested starting a day earlier in August of each year and getting out a day earlier each year, still having the 175 student days.

The Board also discussed the Teacher Days built into the calendar for parent conferences. If teachers hold all their parent conferences before the Teacher Day, they are not required to attend the Teacher Day. Mrs. Wassick asked that this be noted on the calendar as a “comp day.”

The Board discussed whether a first day of school falling on a Wednesday should be a full day or an early release day. When school starts on a Wednesday, it will be a full day of school. However, the Wednesday of the first week of school (as long as it is not the first day of school) will be an early release day, as all Wednesdays are during the school year for grades K through 5.

Update on Laptops

Robert Hickey, Coordinator of District Technology, gave the Board an update on the District’s use of laptops and computers. Several other staff members were present to discuss with the Board how laptops and computers are being used by students and staff.

Policies

Because of the lateness of the hour, and the need to go into an Executive Session for an expulsion hearing, the Board postponed workshopping the policies on the agenda until their meeting on October 19, 2005.