

VASBO Meeting  
April 08, 2016  
Stoweflake Resort  
Stowe, VT

**Present:** See Attached.

Cheryl Scarzello called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cheryl wanted to thank VSBIT for the great conference on April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and expressed appreciation for all the work they do for the member Districts/SU's.

VASBO Partner Award – Please email Steve Heir with nominations. This award is in recognition of individuals who are not Business Managers but go above and beyond to help Business Managers to do their work. Steve will share the nominations with the committee and they will decide on the number of awards (could be more than 1) soon.

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 there will be a meeting at VSBIT from 9am – Noon to learn more about the new VEHI Health Plans as well as more details on the HRA/HSA/FSA plans. Feel free to bring any central office staff that would also benefit from this. You will need to register online at VEHI's website. There will not be a VASBO meeting as this takes the place of that and also no lunch will be served.

Marilyn Frederick announced her replacement in Lamoille North is Debra Clark who comes from Sterling College. She will be attending May's meeting however, Marilyn will not be there so she asked the group to please welcome her!

Beth Pearce will be attending the June meeting in Rutland. Cheryl was not sure yet as to what she wished to cover with the members.

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Bob Mason & seconded by Grant Geisler for the meetings from March 11<sup>th</sup> to be accepted. No discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Bob Mason & seconded by Grant Geisler for the meetings from March 11<sup>th</sup> to be accepted. No discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Certification-** 4 new certifications were awarded to Cindy Koenemann-Warren, Lori Blood, Richard Seaman & Casey Boyle-Eldridge. There are 5 others who will be awarded a certificate at the June meeting. If anyone has paperwork to be turned in, the deadline for this fiscal year is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Ad Hoc Policy-** Committee met on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> with Nicole Tousignant. The required policies & procedures are more complicated than originally thought. Working to incorporate all required components that are needed for decision making in each District. Working on best practices in procurement procedures. AOE has been willing to work with committee to create these with individual

modifications to work at each SU. The focus has been on compliance both Fed & State level. Another meeting is set for June and the hope is to have these models available on the VASBO website.

## **UPDATES**

### **VMBB**

Bob Giroux was not present however Brad James spoke to some legislative changes that are being proposed. Current law states if a district goes into default, the money goes to the Treasurer but the law doesn't allow for the Treasurer to disperse of the dollars. Proposed law would give Treasurers the authority to disperse.

### **AOE**

**Brad James** – Yield Bill H853 Recommends Property Yield at \$9,701, Income Yield \$10,870. Non-resident tax rate \$1.53. None of this has been approved by the Senate. Other proposals in the bill are: Changing back to the old excess spending to 119% in FY20. Looking at unfunded education mandates. 30 days after session ends, the JFO would research the costs of these mandates and then the Governor would place them in the following FY budget and that amount would be added to the General Fund transfer to the Ed. Fund. Section 8 of H853 talks about the collection on Budget Surplus/Reserves and the information of their purpose and the usage of these funds. AOE doesn't know how this can be done yet, Bill Talbot has asked the Legislature to wait on collecting this information.

Brad has held off on tax rates because of the number of mergers and changes to the caps are still in play. He said he should be sending them out soon. The final Cash Flow sheets also should be out next week.

**Bill Talbot** – Speaking for Nicole stated the Special Ed payments will be out Friday & thank you from Cassandra to all Districts/SU's for getting in Audits.

## **HANDBOOK II COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Marilyn Frederick presented for the committee. The power point will be uploaded to VASBO website soon. The combined structure is 27 digits. There are still many questions to be addressed by the AOE. Bill Talbot was present and spoke to the group and mentioned he has allotted \$2.5 million in his budget to help districts with the implementation. Legislature would have to approve this but that is his plan and he is looking for these changes to be for July 1, 2019. He feels this is a realistic date and this plan is moving forward. A question for the AOE from the group was how will the division between levels within a specific building be done?

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am

Respectfully submitted by Amadee Denton



VASBO Sign-in  
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<u>Name</u>	<u>SU</u>
Christopher Adams	TR SU
JOHN AUBIN	ST SAU TO
DAVID LARCOMBE	OMEANS SW
Brenda Fleming	RNESU
MORGAN DRYBAC	RNESU
Keith Merrick	OESU
Dick Paulson	Rivendell
Roger George	ESSEX TOWN
BOB WILSON	CSCE
Wesley Coats	Winndell
Martha Agner	FCSU
Robin Kemble	OSSU
Randy Meisen	Windham Centre (
Alan Bibe	WCSU
Helen Atwood	Windham SU)
Teresa Taylor	Hartford
April Tachette	NESU
Tisha Hankinson	CWSE
Glenn Hankinson	NESU
Coey Boyle Eldridge	NESU
Cheryl Scarzello	RCGU





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Name	District/S/Y
Amadee Denton	So Burlington
Andy Lussery	LSSU
Margaret Felland	LNSU
Paul Jones	
Bill Talbot	AOE
Frank Puckert	WJPSU
Grant Gleisler	CCSU
Kathy Barron	CCSU

