

VASBO Meeting  
December 13, 2013  
VSBIT Office  
Berlin, Vermont

**Present:** See Attached.

Bob Mason called the meeting to order at 9:34am.

**Secretary's Report**

David Larcombe made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Tisha Hankinson. No discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Tisha Hankinson made a motion to accept the report, seconded by David Larcombe. No discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

**Announcements**

Bob Mason reported that we had received a letter from the Craftsbury School thanking VASBO for the contribution. He also announced that if anyone wanted the info from Efficiency VT it would be on the website. Also, Bob stated that after the last meeting we would no longer be taking up agenda time for vendor sales pitches.

**Committee Reports**

**Certification Committee**

They had 3 for review

**Business Manager 101**

Bob mentioned that there was still an opening on the committee

**Tri-State Conference**

Bob needs to submit a letter for the brochure before the March meeting

**ACT 156 SPED**

They are working on a list of frequently asked questions. They are also going to be asking the Legislature to exempt districts from the threshold if they have completed the consolidation of SPED and the assessment for SPED is what is putting them over the threshold.

**Health Care**

They are meeting again in February.

**Legislature Services**

Glenn Hankinson made a motion to accept the Draft Legislative collaboration proposal, Grant Geisler second. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **UPDATES**

### **Vermont Municipal Bond Bank**

Bob Giroux spoke about the sequestering from the Feds.

### **VSBIT**

#### **Don Morrill**

Spoke about January 15<sup>th</sup> being the third installment of VSBIT U. The theme for this is going to be "Legal Environment in schools". Don also stated that the annual spring conference is April 9-11 at the Stoweflake.

#### **Laura Soares**

Spoke about a number of things:

1. Grandfathered letters went out
2. Closing inactive plans
3. The health rate has been finalized @ 4.5% increase
4. Dental rates will be set on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
5. She mentioned that if you have over 250 W2's, the health care contribution has to show on the employee's W2.
6. You can also find the affordability calculator on VEHI's website, FY15 rates are already loaded.

### **AOE**

**Margaret Schelley** – The December 15<sup>th</sup> payments will go out on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. She is going to resend the EEE grant projections due to an error that was found behind the scenes. The Block grant projections are still good. The service plan projections are currently being worked on. As of right now the total of the service plans is \$305.8 Million.

**Brad James** – Announced that the base ed amount is going to be higher, \$9101 to \$9382. The base tax rate is going up also; the recommendation is \$1.01 – Resident homestead tax rate and \$1.51 for the non-resident. This is only in recommendation status right now we won't know exact figures until the legislature set them.

**Guest Speaker** – Cheryl from VTGFOA

She spoke about trying to cork on getting a collaboration together with VTGFOA and BASBO

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47am.

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Mears

# Sign in

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Heather Wright	CCSU
Cindy Rossi	Montpelier
Randy Morten	Wicham Central
Mike Nadeau	CSSU
Bob Giroux	UMBD
Amadee Denton	So Burlington
Russ Dibble	WASHNESU
Grant Geisler	CCSU
Dick Paulson	Rivendell
Ann Bibea	WCSU
Elizabeth Atkins	ANESU
Urmaz Beint	OWSU
Tina Hankinson	CCSU
Geoffe Hankinson	HCSU
Jamie Ouellette	CLSU
NORBERT D'ARBEU	FNESU
Laura Soares	VSBIT
Mom MASON	CSSU
Edie DuPole	WONESU
DAVID LARCOMBE	BURLINGTON
Christopher Adams	TRSU
Rick Pembroke	SUSU / BVSU
VALENTIN ALTMAN	AOE
Tom Pelt	CNSU
Marilyn Fred	CNSU
Shirley	FNWSU
Becky HARS	FNWSU
Laura Nassau	ACSU
Ryan George	ESSEX TOWN
Candy Chapin	GISU
David Jones	AOE
Coats Milazzo	ESOSU
Susanne Carr	Orleans SW SU
Margaret Schell	AOE
Martha Hagner	FCSU
Melissa Galt	Winchester
Chris Saretto	RCSU