

VASBO Meeting  
November 13, 2015  
VSBIT Office  
Berlin, VT

**Present:** See Attached.

Cheryl Scarzello called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

**Announcements**

1. Update on the Solar Consortium from Frank
2. Info from the House Committee – They are taking testimony on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am re: Act 46 and @ 1pm they will be looking for testimony re: the high spending threshold.  
Instead of VASBO being there in person, Cheryl, Rick and Grant will be writing a letter to be read @ the testimony. VSBA and VSA created a resolution to repeal the allowable growth threshold. A copy is on the VSA website but Nicole will forward it to Cheryl for a point of reference for VASBO

**Secretary's Report**

October 2015 Minutes – Motion was made and seconded, approved by voice vote

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made and seconded. No discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports**

**Certification** – Handed out one recertification to Laura Jakabowski.

**Tri-State** – A decision has been made that the 2017 conference being held in Vermont will again be at the Sheraton in South Burlington.

**UPDATES**

**Brad James – AOE – Cost Containment** – Estimates of Equalized Pupils should be out around Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. He fielded a number of questions on an array of topics.

**Norm Etkind - SEMP** – 60 Schools have signed up to have energy audits conducted at their schools. These audits will provide a comprehensive energy plan to follow.

**Bob Giroux – VMBB** – Will be refunding bonds 2008-1 and 2009-1. They are working on new schedules now. Green Bonds – Still trying to develop them in Vermont

**Don Morrill – VSBIT** – VEHI filed the new dental rates for 2017. Over all there is a decrease in rates of 2.34%. They hosted an Act 46 meeting, the number one issue is communication. VSBIT is working on how to deal with that. The spring Conference will be at the Stoweflake on April 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> will be focusing on Facilities, and the 8<sup>th</sup> will be the VASBO meeting. The keynote speaker on the 7<sup>th</sup> will be Second City (Business Works) talking about “Managing Change”

**Jeff Francis – VSA –** Act 46 implementation talk – there are 15 districts going to vote before 6/30/16. He also mentioned that the AOE resource page has good info regarding the ACT 46. He also discussed and helped with VASBO coming up with a resolution to be distributed to The General Assembly.

**VASBO Resolution**

Be it resolved: The General Assembly should repeal the “Allowable Growth” provision of Act 46 and impose any growth containment other than the existing excess spending threshold until Supervisory Unions have an opportunity to complete the consolidation process in Act 46.

Bob Mason made the motion to approve the above resolution; Marilyn Frederick seconded, no discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

**Nicole Mace – VSA –** would like to come back in December to discuss Healthcare

**Larry Picus –** presentation regarding adequate spending levels in Vermont Schools

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Mears

# Sign-in

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Jeri Blood

Miranda MacDonald

Amadee Denton

Eleana Truchette

Keith Merrick

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Richard Paulson

Cheryl Scanzello

Laura Skabowski

Edie Lee Cole

Grant Geisler

Karen Atwood

Randy Merton

Guthrie Dyer

BOB MASON

Martha Wagner

Robin Pembroke

April Truchette

Cassey Boyle

Tisha Hankinson

Grace Hankinson

Grady Rossi

Richard Swann

Don Baker

Walter Bell

Asa Meaul

Roger Hargis

Lynne Carpenter

Don Johnson

Laura Soares

Rick Pembroke

Frank Rucker

Morgan Dyer

Phyllis Mansfield

Mark Galt

Heather Wright

DAVID LARCOMBE

Louis Milazzo

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RESUSU

Andrew Lundeen  
Janet Mitchell  
Jill Wilson  
Lyn McWhirter

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