

**VASBO Meeting
October 11th, 2013
VSBIT Office Building
52 Pike Drive
Berlin, Vermont**

Present: See attached.

Bob Mason called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Secretary's Report

Steve Hier made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Amadee Denton. There was no discussion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Hier made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Glenn Hankinson. There was no discussion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Announcements and Correspondence

Grant Geisler asked whether the members were supportive of the Executive Committee submitting feedback with regard to the potential budget impacts of the new Education Quality Standards. The consensus was that while VASBO is supportive of the benefits to students, there should be time allowed for boards and school administrators to plan and budget for the changes. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would provide feedback.

Bob Mason noted that there has been a request to make a contribution to the Rita Davis Scholarship Fund. Rita, who had retired from Orleans Southwest SU in 2011 as Business Manager, passed away on September 20th. It was decided that the item will be added to next month's agenda for discussion to allow time to research past practice.

There was a show of hands of members heading to Boston for the ASBO conference at the end of the month. It appeared that there were about 6 members intending to attend.

Committee Reports

Business Manager 101- Marilyn Fredrick reported that the committee is looking for 2 new members. She stated that Business Manager 101 needs about 10 enrollments in order to run the program. Since there are only a few new Business Managers it was decided that mentors would be assigned rather than run a course. The committee would look at providing documents from past classes to any new Business Managers. A suggestion was also made to put access to class materials on the VASBO website for use by mentors and mentees.

Handbook II – Steve Hier reported that the committee is finishing up work on the expenditure codes and is hoping to have a draft ready to present to the VASBO membership in early 2014.

Certification - Lori Bibeau presented Peter Amons, Richard Paulson, Grant Geisler and Donald Johnson with their recertification certificates. Lori noted that the process has been streamlined. She will email a list of members that need recertification. Lori also stated that the committee needs a new member. Anyone serving on the committee must currently be certified.

Tri –State – Rebecca Goulet reported that the committee is looking at various venues in Burlington for entertainment.

Heath Care – Rick Pembroke reported that the committee has an upcoming meeting.

Act 156 SPED – Michelle Baker reported that a meeting was held this past Monday. The committee is looking at the waiver process and an FAQ with regard to the centralization process.

Updates

VTAOE - Vaughn Altemus reported that he was headed to a meeting with Bill Talbott and Armando Vilaseca about providing some guidance with regard to Act 153 waivers. The task is difficult due to the changing landscape. Vaughn stated that he would appreciate hearing from districts with regard to the issues they are having. It would be helpful to understand before waivers are submitted what districts are complying with as well as looking at efficiency and effectiveness. They are looking at time extension as part of a waiver.

VSBIT - Don Morrill reported that next week are the member luncheons and that there is still time to sign up. Also there are still some outstanding grant compliance letters due from Multi Line members.

VEHI - Joe Zimmerman reported that rate setting is in process and that there is ACA material on the VEHI website. The plan comparison document of the VEHI plans to the Exchange plans will be coming out in early November. The annual meeting is October 25th. Member agreements must be in to be able to vote. The rate setting process will be different from last year, this year it will be stream lined. The Green Mountain Care Board will not be reviewing the rates so the expectation is that the rates will be ready by the end of November or asap.

VT AOE - Brad James reported that he is working on information for the Tax Commissioner. His preliminary forecast is for a 5 or 6 cent tax rate increase. The NEEP index not final yet. The new Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcombe, will start in January. Brad has been working with the legislature to move forward with SU borrowing and owing of property.

VSBA - Nicole Mace gave a PowerPoint presentation called “Collective Bargaining in the Context of Health Care Reform”. She stated that she is available to meet with school boards and that there is a resource available for \$10 through VSBA called a “Guide to Collective Bargaining.” She has been doing the presentation in conjunction with VSBA meetings around the state. She explained that the time is now for districts to begin to understand and evaluate their options in light of health

care reform. She noted that you do not lose grandfather status if you offer a choice of exchange plans in addition to your current plans.

VT AOE - Margaret Schelley reminded everyone that service plans are due on Tuesday, October 15th. There were some concern about consolidation and how to incorporate that into the plan which she addressed. The first FY14 SEER is due in November. The amended grant award from the Federal government will be rolled into reconciliation letters coming out soon. They are not announcing audits yet. They will be delayed. Margaret stated that SPED directors are talking about a block grant proposal again.

VSA - Jeff Francis reminded the meeting attendees that the comment period for the new Education Quality Standards closes on 10/28. He thought business managers should weigh in. He noted that the Governor is calling for level funded budgets. He stated that we are in an "unavoidable era of change". The VSA VSBA conference is coming up at the end of the month. He said that Business Managers can register for just Friday. The emphasis will be on the cost side of education equation. There will be a retrospective on the funding formula and what it is supposed to provide. Then there will be a situational analysis that looks at conditions in VT effecting education funding. Go to the VSBA website to register or contact Jeff if you are interested in attending just the Friday session. There will be 6 sessions in the afternoon looking at what we were doing and whether or not there are different ways of doing it relative to the cost of education.

Efficiency Vermont - Richard Donnelly spoke about Project Green School which is collaboration between the VSA SEMP (School Energy Management Program) and Efficiency Vermont. Project Green School is a goal driven effort to help all Vermont K-12 schools who aspire to reach "high performance school" status as defined by Energy Star. Richard is seeking benchmarking data from all school in Vermont by the end of the first quarter of 2014. Richard discussed the information that would be needed with regard to energy usage for the last 2 fiscal years. Efficiency VT has electrical data, but they do not have other energy data. They will need FY12 and FY 13 copies of bills for fuel, excluding electricity, such as propane, oil, wood and other unregulated sources. The members discussed spreadsheets that some already keep that has the energy data requested instead of having to copy invoices. There was a commitment expressed to encourage members to provide information to Efficiency Vermont for the program.

Bob Mason said that he would be happy to take feedback on the location for our meetings and box lunch.

The next meeting will be held at the VSBIT offices on November 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Scarzello.

VASBO ATTENDEES

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>From</u>
BOB MASON	CSSU
Cindy Koenemann-Warren	CSSU
MIKE Nadeau	CSSU
Don Mornell	VSBIT
ANDY LUNDEEN	LSSU
Laura Jakubowski	ARLU
Cheryl Sczello	RCSU
Carly Chapko	GISU
Katie Roth	Colchester
Michelle Baker	UNWLU
Jeri Blood	Blue Mtn.
Jusi Benault	WSSU
Grant Geisler	CCSU
Tisha Hankinson	OCSU
STEVE HANNUSON	NCSU
Amadee Denton	So Burlington
Donna Benoit	OWSU
Randy Morton	Windham Central
JIM VEZINA	HARTFORD
Dick Paulson	Rivendell
Christina Kimball	WNESU
Kathy Merryck	OESU
Christopher Adams	TRSU
VAUGHN ALTHEUS	AUE
DAVID LARCOMBE	BURLINGTON
Heather Wright	OCSU
Kathryn Ducharme	St. J

Rebecca Gault	WVNSU
Ann Bibber	WCSU
Jan Duelleter	CCSU
Marilyn Redden	LNSU
Tom Pratt	CNSU
Louis Milazzo	KSNSU
RICHARD DUNSBURY	Efficiency VT.
Rick Pembroke	SUSU / BUSU
Kathy Cannon	ANNSU
Bernie MacLeod	ECSU
Ryan Hargraves	ETSU
Lynne Carpenter	BSU
John Gray	BSU
STEVE HIER	SPRINGFIELD