

WNESU Negotiations Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2016
Cabot School

Present: WNESU Board Council representatives Chris Tormey, WNESU and Cabot Chair, Patrick Healy, Twinfield Board Chair; Jackie Folsom Cabot Board representative. Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent

Chris Tormey opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. No members of the Teacher Negotiating Council attended the meeting.

Patrick moved and Chris seconded approval of the minutes of November 17, 2016. Minutes approved. Jackie abstained, as she was absent for that meeting.

The Board Council discussed the letter given to Superintendent, Nancy Thomas by Terri Vest, Chief Negotiator, which stated that the Teacher Council insists on conducting negotiations in executive session or suspend negotiations at this time. The letter indicated that the Teacher Council would “seek clarity about this bargaining situation from the Vermont Labor Relations Board”. Nancy described her conversation with Attorney, Scott Cameron, who explained how the process would work and suggested that the Board Council consider filing a complaint with the Labor Relations Board rather than waiting. After further discussion Patrick moved to file an unfair labor practice complaint with the Vermont Labor Relations Board in accordance with Title 21 Chapter 22 subsection 1726 B (4) “for refusal to bargain in good faith with a municipality”. Jackie seconded the motion. The proposal was approved and then modified to bring this as a recommendation to the WNESU Board to act on at their meeting on December 15, 2016.

Jackie moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thomas, minute taker