

**Vermont Principals' Association Executive Council Meeting, March 27, 2015, at Northfield
Elementary School
Unapproved minutes for March 27, 2015 EC Meeting**

In attendance: EC Members: Wayne Howe, Lissa McDonald, Shaun Pickett, Dean Stearns, Robert St. Pierre, Heidi Lucas Moccia, Andy Paciulli.

VPA Staff: Bob Johnson, David Cobb, Ken Page joined at 11:30

Dean asked for discussion on the budget. Then he asked for a motion to adopt the budget.

Wayne moved to adopt the budget and Lissa seconded. During discussion it was noted that we did freeze the dues for members. Assets are strong and the budget looks like it is balanced and well structured.

Budget adopted 8:0

Dean asked for Minute approval from January 29th meeting. Lissa moved, Heidi seconded.

Minutes accepted 8:0

Slate of officers: Past President - Dean Stearns, President - Patrick Burke, President elect - Joan Cavallo.

We will have to fill a slot for Heidi Moser who is stepping down. We also have to add names who need a second term. Jeff and Tom will be asked to move into a second term. Ken will follow up on this.

Slate Passed 8:0

We will revisit the slate for other positions in May.

Dave Cobb presented his report. He handed out the Academy Overview and his report. The Academy will cost \$50.00 more this year, but it is the first increase in a long time and is still a good value.

Joan Cavallo asked if we could add an independent study strand to the Academy so that groups who have work they would like to spend the time doing, can take advantage of the collaborative environment, keynotes and events and focus on more independent topics.

Mental Health Summit for spring is being postponed until next fall. It will be held at Topnotch. Two key presenters were not able to make the spring session.

Bob presented his report. He brought up an issue with a procedure that is presented as a policy on our website, "Allowing member school students to participate on other member school teams." Representing the ASC, he asked that the policy be modified to include the statement "Sending schools may enter into only one agreement per sport." After much discussion, Dean asked for a motion to approve the changes to the policy as presented. Lissa made a motion to accept the changes to the ASC with the addition of the 4 sports missing in section 2. Shaun seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 8:0

Discussed Independent School Students Participating on Public Teams. Bob presented a draft policy. Public schools have the choice to allow or not allow. Motion to approve was made by Shaun Pickett and seconded by Heidi Lucas Moccia.

Motion passed: 8:0

Discussion continued about the appeals process. The discussion centered on how we can manage the process where member schools do not appeal and yet the parent wants to appeal. Ken agreed to explore options to train members who sit on the appeals committee so they understand the process, their role and feel confident in their decision. Dean also requested a draft of the appeals policy

At noon we were joined by Bill Anton, Steve Cohen from Riverside Middle School and Bill Olsen principal of Rutland High School.

Moved into discussion of the Principal of the Year Awards.

Bob moved that we give the Assistant Principal of the Year award to Patti Tomashot from CVU. Seconded by Lissa

Motion passed

Bob Thibault nominated by Joan Cavallo seconded by Steve Cone for NASSP Principal of the Year.

Motion Passed

Motion to table Rob Reardon for the next meeting. Lissa will further reference check. Motion made by Ken seconded by Lissa.

Motion Passed

Ken clarified that VPA staff can vote.

Bill Anton moved that Kristen Hubert get the NAESP NDP Award. Lissa seconded

Motion Passed

Heidi motioned that Erica McLaughlin receive the Henry Giaguque Vermont Elementary principal of the Year Award - It was seconded by Lissa.

Motion Passed

Tech Directors will select the Tech Director of the Year Award and get the information to Ken. Ken will get the information to the EC and if there are no issues they will go forward.

Bob gave his report. Winter season went well. Bob talked about a game with an incident and some of the decisions and outcomes.

Dean wanted to recognize the effort from 2 Prospect that supports the sports programs in our state. He discussed how much effort was put into supporting our programs.

Discussion of the legislative situation.

Ken thanked his staff for all of the support during his medical leave.

At 3:00 Motion was made to adjourn.

Joan Cavallo
Temporary recorder