

approval, I will submit our plan to the CT SDE (due May 15, 2015). Thank you to Amy Suffoletto and Jackie Vaillancourt for their help editing this document. **K-3 Reading Survey** ~ Our Kindergarten through third grade teachers (including SRBI) all took the K-3 Reading Survey, as mandated by the CT SDE.

Building, Grounds, and Transportation: Safety Drills: We have had six fire drills, four lockdown drills, two evacuation drills, and one earthquake drill.

Community and Public Relations: PTO ~ I attended the April 21st PTO Meeting. **YSB ~ Super 5K** ~ We have started to promote our 2nd Annual YSB Super 5K, which will take place on Saturday, May 16th at 9AM in Pachaug Forest. Registration fee is \$25. **Recreation Commission** ~ VES is working with the Recreation Commission to plan activities to raise money for the Constitution Field Stair Project. To date, two events are planned: Voluntown Day at Chili's – May 7th from 11am-11pm and Voluntown Day at CT Tigers – June 19th at 7:05pm - \$190 was raised from the Chili's Give Back Night.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

There was review of the Special Education population. Required annual reviews are in the process of being completed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent reviewed his Calendar of Events for and May and June. The Enrollment Report indicates there are 319 students (Pre-K through Grade 8) plus 121 High School Students. Mr. Burrows reviewed the Board of Education eleven-year budget history and seven-year budget comparison that documented budget increases and very little increases in State funding, the 2015 Summer School Program Estimated Cost Report as presented, and State of Connecticut Board of Education correspondence, dated February 27, that indicated the district technology plans are no longer required to be submitted to the State.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY / TfS

The Director of Maintenance and Facilities, Paul Ricard, has successfully updated and completed various repairs within the facility. CIRMA has allowed a reduction in the insurance premium due to an excellent maintenance program at VES.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU / LOCAL PREVENTION

The Youth Services Bureau / Local Prevention Council continues to coordinate future activities with youth and other organizations in the community. Summer activities will be starting soon, such as dancing, games, art projects, and the 2nd Annual YSB Super 5K scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at 9AM in Pachaug Forest.

SCHOOL READINESS:

QE GRANT

MOTION #2 (5/14/15): made by Jim Hutchins SECONDED BY Cathy Grant that the Board of Education approve the submission of the "Quality Enhancement Grant Program – FY 2016" application to the Office of Early Childhood in the State Department of Education for the School Readiness Program requesting \$3,790 for programs that focus on education and early care that address quality standards and/or expand comprehensive services for children and families as per Connecticut General Statutes Section 17b-749c.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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SCHOOL READINESS GRANT

MOTION #3 (5/14/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Jim Hutchins that the Board of Education approve the submission of the application for the "School Readiness Grant Program – FY 2016" to the Office of Early Childhood in the State Department of Education requesting \$184,275 for the School Readiness Program in the Town of Voluntown to provide funding for programs that focus on education and early care that address quality standards and/or expand comprehensive services for children and families as per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-16o through 10-16u.

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PROGRAM IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

MOTION #4 (5/14/15): made by Barbara Gileau SECONDED BY Kristen Trahan that the Board of Education approve the submission of the "Licensing Verification Form for the School Readiness Program as per Connecticut general Statutes Section 19a-77b to verify a "program administered by a public school system is not required to be licensed to operate"

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WALL REMOVAL PROJECT PRE-SCHOOL

MOTION #5 (5/14/15): made by Vikki Smith SECONDED BY Kristen Trahan that the Board of Education approve the submission of the "Agreement for Grant Award Between the Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, and Town of Voluntown" for use of a Bond Fund Award of \$95,000 for "repurposing space to improve a Pre-Kindergarten classroom in the Voluntown Elementary School located at 195 Main Street, Voluntown, CT 06384. This grant was approved for our Voluntown School Readiness program and the State Bonding Commission authorized funding on March 17, 2015 under Connecticut General Statutes Section 9(e)(4) of Public Act 12-189 as amended by Section 72 of Public Act 14-98.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TEACHER EVAL PLAN	MOTION #6 (5/14/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Jim Hutchins that the Board of Education approve the revised Professional Learning and Evaluation Plan, as presented, for Teachers recently approved by the District Teacher Evaluation Committee VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
HIGH SCHOOL	A High School information night is scheduled for sixth and seventh graders during the week of May 18.
BLD COMMITTEE ROOF	The Building Committee recently sent out bids for the roof project. The Committee will meet next week to open and review bids and award the contract after review by our Architect.
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SEARCH COMMITTEE	MOTION #7 (5/14/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Vikki Smith that the Board of Education move Agenda Item VII – 11. Director of Special Education Search Committee to Executive Session VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
2015-2016 BUDGET	The Superintendent reviewed the 2015-2016 Proposed Board of Education Budget. Mr. Bob Sirpenski, discussed the 2015-2016 Town of Voluntown Budget.
BY-LAWS	There was Board consensus to continue review of the by-laws at the July 9 meeting.
BOARD GOALS 2015-2016	MOTION #8 (5/14/15): made by Jim Hutchins SECONDED BY Cathy Grant that the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Board Goals as presented VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
BACK-UP BUS DRIVER	An advertisement will be placed for a back up bus driver.
CONDITION OF EDUCATION 2013-2014 REPORT	There was review of the Connecticut State Department of Education Condition of Education in Connecticut 2013-2014 Report as submitted.
FIFTH GRADE FIELD TRIP STURBRIDGE VILLAGE	MOTION #9 (5/14/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Jim Hutchins that the Board of Education approve the fifth grade field trip to Sturbridge Village, MA., on May 11, 2015 VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION 2015-2016	MOTION #10 (5/14/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Vikki Smith that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Chairperson to sign the 2015-2016 Healthy Food Certification VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
ANNUAL APPROVAL SALE OF FOOD & BEVERAGES	MOTION #11 (5/12/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Jim Hutchins that the Board of Education permits the sale of foods for the 2015-2016 School Year that do not meet Connecticut Standards at events if three conditions are met: (1) The sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on a weekend, (2) the sale is at the location of the event and (3) the items are not sold from a vending machine or school store VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
	MOTION #12 - (5/12/15): made by Vikki Smith SECONDED BY Cathy Grant that the Board of Education permits the sale of beverages for the 2015-2016 School Year that do not meet Connecticut Standards at events if three conditions are met: (1) The sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on a weekend, (2) the sale is at the location of the event and (3) the items are not sold from a vending machine or school store VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
IDEA	MOTION #13 - (5/12/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Vikki Smith that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the IDEA grant VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
FIRST GRADE FIELD TRIP ROGER WILLIAMS ZOO	MOTION #14 (5/14/15): made by Cathy Grant SECONDED BY Jim Hutchins that the Board of Education approve the first grade field trip to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI on June 17, 2015 VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION #15 (5/14/15): made by Jim Hutchins **SECONDED BY** Cathy Grant that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 8:50 for the purpose of discussing Evaluation of Superintendent, Non-Certified Contract, Personnel, Director of Special Education Search Committee, and that Alycia Trakas be invited

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MOTION #16 (5/14/15): made by Jim Hutchins **SECONDED BY** Cathy Grant that the Board of Education move out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

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MOTION #17 (5/14/15): made by Cathy Grant **SECONDED BY** Jim Hutchins that the Board of Education Approve, as amended, the Contract between the Board of Education and the Voluntown Non-Certified Employees of CSEA, SEIU, Local 2001 for July 1, 2015- June 30, 2017

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #18 (5/14/15): made by Vikki Smith **SECONDED BY** Jim Hutchins that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Pollard, Board Clerk