Present:
School Board Members: Angeline Alley, Leo Cota, Hank Eaton, Tom Page, Candy Peck, Ron Phillips, Brenda Powers, Bruce Stevens
Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood
Staff: Kate Davie, Neil Emerson, Lynn Lord, Sandy Parker, Tracy Puffer, Gayle Renfrew
Students: Amy Allen, Josie Gombas, Torie Peters, Allana Ricker
Public: Tina Fearon, Wade Parker, Wade Pierson

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair

II. Consent Agenda
a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Tom Page to approve the Board minutes of October 9, 2012, October 25, 2012, November 1, 2012, November 2, 2012, and November 7, 2012. An amendment was made to paragraph 4 of the minutes of October 25 (Angeline Alley opposed the motion instead of abstaining). Motion voted on and approved as amended with the following abstentions: Candy Peck abstained on the minutes of October 7th, and Hank Eaton abstained on the minutes of October 9th, October 25th, and November 1st.

III. Administration Reports
a. Principal Emilie Knisley
   i. Received a grant from VT Health Initiative for $6600 for more security camera coverage on the exterior of the building
   ii. School Improvement Draft has been completed and will be circulated to Board members
   iii. BMEF has offered to cover the cost of the Holiday Concert
      1. This past Monday they hosted an iPad Bingo party for students who sold five or more magazine subscriptions in the recent sales drive
   iv. A group of Art and Music students is going to Boston tomorrow where they will see a musical, visit a museum, as well as visit other points of interest.
   v. A Grant has been submitted for a group of teachers to attend the BEST Institute in the summer of 2013 to be trained in RTI
   vi. A Data Wall has been put up, showing a visual of student assessment scores on the POA, NWEA, and NECAP
   vii. Budget forms have been distributed, and budget requests are due back tomorrow
b. Business Manager Lori Blood
   i. Dr. Rowe memorial account has been opened at WRSB
   ii. Draft audit has been received from auditor
   iii. CD of Activity Fund money is maturing
c. Supt. Richard Pike
   i. Board meeting on Dec. 19th will be primarily devoted to the budget
   ii. VEHI has announced that the insurance increase for next year will be not less than 12.8%
   iii. Transportation contract bids have been opened.
iv. Policy committee will meet on three policies: Food Services, Energy Management, and Bullying and Prevention policy

IV. Old Business
   a. Discussion on maximizing Special Ed reimbursement
   b. Discussion of River Bend expenses
   c. Discussion on scheduling for classes for next year

V. Public Participation
   a. Suggestion that information be shared with the community on where the deficits came from

VI. Action Items
   a. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Candy Peck to approve the Jr. Prom being held at Joe’s Pond Pavilion in West Danville on May 18, 2013. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
   b. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Angeline Alley to move the Activity Fund CD to the General Fund, to be applied toward reimbursement of a past transfer

VII. Correspondence—to be handled in Executive Session

VIII. Committee Reports
   a. Transportation Committee will meet with SAU #23 on December 6th
   b. Policy Committee will meet December 5th at 6:00 PM

IX. Review “To Do List”
   a. Transportation Bid to be awarded December 5th
   b. Negotiations committee will meet on December 13th
   c. Engage services of Auditing firm for next year

X. Setting the Next Agenda
   a. Larger budget committee with community members welcome

XI. Executive Session
   a. Motion by Leo Cota, seconded by Hank Eaton to move into Executive Session at 7:52 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) Labor relations agreements with employees. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Supt. Richard Pike and Principal Emilie Knisley.
   b. Motion by Leo Cota, seconded by Brenda Powers to exit Executive Session at 7:59 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

XII. Action
   a. Motion by Hank Eaton, seconded by Brenda Powers that Employee A be granted a one-year leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Ron Phillips)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy N. Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.