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**Dresden Finance Committee
Tracy Hall, Norwich, VT**

Wednesday October 19, 2005

Present: Bill Bender, Henry Scheier, Irv Thomae, Paul Tierney, Dick Podolec, Karen Kayen, Deb Hall, John Aubin, Wayne Gersen, Kari Asmus, Peter Christie, John Hochreiter, Bob Bruce and John Chamberlin. We were also joined by Chip Fleischer a new school board member.

Handouts:

Budget Meeting Schedule – Next meeting			
Dresden	Tues. Nov. 22	8:30 AM	RMS
		10:00 AM	Dist Wide
		1:00 PM	HS
Norwich	Wed. Nov 23	11:00 AM	
Hanover	Wed. Nov 23	9:00 AM	
Enrollment Models			
RMS:	2005	393	
	2006	425	
	2007	418	
	2008	428	
	2009	421	
	2010	415	
	2011	374	
HS	2005	753	
	2006	712	
	2007	706	
	2008	669	
	2009	665	
	2010	686	
	2011	710	

**Dresden School District Growth Projection
Dresden Growth in School District Avg. Teacher Salaries**

General discussion followed, the projections do not take into account any new hiring, Wayne in his projections of enrollment does factor recent enrollments more heavily and totals do include tuition students. The New Richmond School is built to accommodate 550 students and the High School renovation is to accommodate 800 students.

John Aubin suggested that the proposed budget reduction of 2 to 3 FTE's at the High School will be made up for in the Middle School.

Note from Wayne 10/21/05: A couple of minor changes: the MS has a capacity of 500 instead of 550 and the MS cuts will PARTIALLY offset the HS cuts. (i.e. we will cut more teachers at the HS than we will add at the MS).

This year the administration is involved in negotiations with both the teachers and the custodians.

There followed a broad discussion of the funding of the athletic fields prompted by an additional handout Dresden School District Borrowing and Town Shares. John noted that Vermont Construction Aid contributed additional amounts to the proposed project and his handout showed a proposed way of dealing with it relative to Dresden cost apportioning. There was a suggestion that John compute what the regular shares of the project would be without the additional Vermont Aid so that people could make a better decision as to how the aid should be applied. Kari questioned the new suggestion of aid application relative to the Dresden Compact. She suggested that for clarity and stability the funding should be applied as specified in the Compact.

The Finance Committee entered into a short discussion as to a possible vote for or against the proposition of new fields. It was generally felt that we should express an opinion on the topic and that many of the members present did not feel comfortable or fully informed enough to make that choice at the moment. **It was determined that a Dresden Finance Committee Meeting should take place on Monday October 24 at 4:00 PM in Hanover. Kari will arrange for a location.**

John Aubin noted that the Principals wish list is due in early November.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:06AM.

John A. Hochreiter,