

VSBA Around Vermont

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Governance Initiatives

We are moving forward with governance studies in Pittsfield, Hartford, Hartland, Wilmington, Whitingham, Underhill, Underhill I.D., and Jericho School Districts. I presented information about school collaboration and governance studies to the Dummerston and Putney School Boards.

Policy Governance

Laura Soares is facilitating a Policy Governance implementation process with the Hartford School District. Soares and Robin Scheu facilitated the first stages of Policy Governance implementation with board members in Orange Southwest Supervisory Union.

Superintendent Searches

The VSBA completed superintendent searches in Southwest Vermont, Washington West, and Franklin Central Supervisory Unions. The VSBA, working with Holden Waterman, is currently facilitating a search with the Rutland Southwest SU.

Superintendent Evaluation DVD

Laura Soares and I continue to provide superintendent evaluation workshops to districts that contracted for superintendent searches last year. I continue to work with Orleans Essex North to help them set up both a superintendent evaluation process as well as an administrator 360 degree feedback system. The VSBA wants to both help districts develop as well as maintain an effective board/superintendent working relationship. Evaluation is a key ingredient in this process.

Workshops

I presented roles and goal setting workshops for the Windsor, Woodstock UHS, and Kindle Farm School.

We have started the spring series of the 3Rs workshops (Roles, Responsibilities, and Relationships) for both new and experienced board members.

NSBA Conference

I presented workshops in Orlando at the National School Boards Association Conference on Preventing Bullying and School Crisis, Dealing with Difficult People, and Getting the School and Community on the Same Page.