

Vote Smart! Facts Matter.

THE PAST (Previous Boards Prior to March, 2015)

- **WHS starting price \$43.8M** at a size of **240,000 sq/ft**. **Architect fired** after having received more than **\$2 million**.
- **WHS final price over \$53M** at a reduced size: **192,000 sq/ft** (20% more costly, 20% smaller & **NO TRACK**)
- **WCS roof leaked for years** after many costly unsuccessful repair attempts.
- Pre-K Building out of service **due to neglect**. GBS Portables bought **without voter approval**, **dismantled** 1.5 yrs later **due to neglect**.
- July, 2013 - Chairman Michael Joanis **modified WEA contract** to increase union membership by over 30 members **without board knowledge/approval**. Spouse is a member of the WEA union.
- The 2014 WEA Teachers contract **reduced** retirement age **from 55 to 50**, **adding** potentially **\$20 MILLION** of unfunded liabilities for post-retirement health and dental insurance.
- Spent **\$300K** to create a **misleading report** (2011 Facilities Master Plan)
- **Massive accounting irregularities**
- **Excessive Budgetary Transfers:** FY 14 – 826 transfers – over **\$5.5M** FY 15 – 462 transfers – over **\$2.7M**
- **\$600K No-Bid Cenergistic contract** to obtain “advice” on how to turn down the heat. **No public input** allowed. Windham residents **voiced concerns**, Chairman Rekart **shuts down meeting, calls police!**
- Too many other things to mention in one ad

✗ Millions of Dollars in Lost Educational Opportunities

THE PRESENT (March, 2015 - March, 2017)

In March, 2015, Ken Eyring was elected Chairman of the School Board. Here are just a **few** of Ken's initiatives that led to **MANY** accomplishments:

- **Restored public input** at board meetings for every agenda item
- Successfully lobbied for **additional \$3M/yr.** in state adequacy aid
- Brought landscaping in-house, **saving over \$900K** over ten yr. span
- Renegotiated administrator contracts, **saving millions** in post retirement benefits
- Served on the district's negotiating team - produced a **successful WEA Teachers Contract**
- **Fought the wasteful, no-bid \$600K Cenergistic fiasco** that led to contract being canceled
- Instrumental in hiring a **proven, visionary leader**, Superintendent Rich Langlois in contentious 3-2 vote (**Breton/Senibaldi – NO**)
- **FINALLY fixed the leaking WCS roof** after many years of costly ineffective repairs
- **Recommended Independent/Professional Committees of Windham Volunteer Residents**
 - **Building & Grounds Committee** (facilitated/vetted the **GBS/WMS renovation project**, including administrators, teachers, architects, engineers, public, school board)
 - **Finance Committee** (leading to better budgeting, accounting and **Internal Controls Audit**)
 - **Technology Committee** (integral role in hiring Executive Technology Director Dr. Harry Bennett)
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✔ Millions of Dollars in Cost Savings

THE FUTURE (March, 2017 – March, 2020)

The changes over the past two years have identified and corrected many areas of concern. There is still work to be done, and as Mr. Eyring has said, “The district is now poised for greatness.” Here are a **few** initiatives:

- Independent/Professional Committees of **Windham Volunteer Residents**
 - **Building & Grounds Committee** (oversee renovation project)
 - **Finance Committee** (verify continue financial oversight)
 - **Finance Audit Committee** (address over **130 Internal Control risks/deficiencies**)
 - **Proposed a Technology Committee** (validate technology/curriculum needs are met)
- **PISA international testing** (set global benchmark for students to compete globally)
- **Dashboards** (track individual student progress)
- **District Improvement Plan** (defines and ties academic objectives to budget)

✔ Vote Ken Eyring for School Board