

# Peacham Vermont



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## Annual Report 2010 School

## **Town Meeting Day**

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

10:00 AM

(Town Meeting followed by School District Meeting)

Peacham Congregational Church

### **Lunch**

Ham or Turkey with trimmings

Served at noon

\$6 per person

\$3 per child 5-10

Children under 5 free

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
School Reports  
Vermont  
2010

SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Turn Report Over for Town Reports

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# Peacham School Auditors' Report 2010

The financial position of the Peacham School District as of June 30, 2010 is currently being professionally audited. These books are audited by professionals every third year. No audit report was available at the time this Town Report went to press. A copy of the final audit will be available in the Peacham Town Office upon completion.

Jan Eastman, Julie Kempton

Peacham School District Auditors

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF PEACHAM  
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 1, 2011**

The legal voters of the town of Peacham are hereby warned to meet in the Peacham Congregational Church on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.
- ARTICLE 2** To hear the Auditors report on the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010.
- ARTICLE 3** To elect a School District Clerk/Treasurer.
- ARTICLE 4** To elect a School Director for a term of three years.  
To elect a School Director for the remaining one year of a three year term.
- ARTICLE 5** To hear a Report of the Board.
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the voters approve reserving the audited fund balance at June 30, 2010 for use in the FY 2013 Budget?
- ARTICLE 7** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District vote to adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 30, 2012 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvement, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes?
- ARTICLE 8** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District approve the transfer of \$6,000 included in Article 6 to the Capital Fund?
- ARTICLE 9** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District approve the transfer of \$27,390 included in Article 6 to the Hot Lunch Fund?
- ARTICLE 10** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?
- ARTICLE 11** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

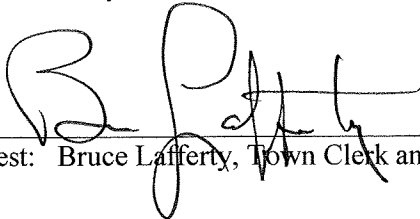
Dated at Peacham this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

Peacham School Directors

Jo Anne Post, Chair

Wynne Browne, Vice-Chair

Jenny Mackenzie, Clerk

Attest:  Bruce Lafferty, Town Clerk and Treasurer

Minutes for the School District Meeting  
March 2, 2010

The legal voters of The Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the beginning of the meeting.

There was a moment of silence to honor departed members and those men and women who are serving their country here and abroad.

Rob Ide, speaking on behalf of the Peacham Congregational Church, welcomed all visitors to the church at the beginning of Peacham School District Meeting.

Rob Ide introduced Mary Ellen Griffin who would serve as Town Attorney.

General announcements:

1. Rob Ide presented the ground rules for how the meeting was to be conducted.
2. Lunch would be served in the downstairs of the Peacham Congregational Church at 12:00 PM.
3. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District poll would be open until 7:00 PM, moving to the Town Clerk's office after the Town Meeting is adjourned.

Article 1 To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.

John Coffin nominated Rob Ide. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. Ide elected.

Article 2 To hear the Auditors report on the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009.

There being no auditors present, the Moderator referred voters to page 1 of the Town Report.

Article 3 To elect a School District Clerk/Treasurer.

Richard Browne nominated Bruce Lafferty. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. Lafferty elected.

Article 4 To elect a School Director for a term of three years.

Dave Magnus nominated Jo Anne Post. There being no other nominations, Jerry Senturia moved to close nominations and asked the Clerk to cast a single ballot for Jo Anne Post. Diana Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Post elected.

Article 5 To hear a report of the Board.

The Moderator asked for the unanimous consent to allow Superintendent, Martha Tucker, to speak on behalf of the School Board. There were no objections.

Jo Anne Post presented the School Board report. She began by introducing Mark Peabody, the new Peacham Elementary School principal.

The total budget request is \$1,655,277.00. She reported that the budget was about \$20,000.00 less than last year and that it represented a scaled down, no frills budget. She reported that our student population is down by 4 students and that the base for tax rate calculations was frozen by the legislature. Rather than being increased for inflation, it was held at last year's rate.

Martha Tucker provided key legislative information regarding school consolidation and school merger proposals. She reported on the two proposed systems, the Incentive System for school systems who merge on their own and the Top Down proposal which forces school districts into mergers. She reported that the legislature appears to be interested in "increasing opportunities and options for students". She said State funding is directly tied to State standards. She reminded voters that this is all still in the conceptual stage.

- Article 6      Shall the voters of the Peacham School District vote to adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 30, 2011 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvement, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes?

Bruce Courtot moved that the Town approve a budget of \$1,655,277.00 for the coming year. Diana Senturia seconded. Dave Magnus moved to increase the amount of Article 6 by \$22,000.00. Wendy McKenzie seconded. Jo Anne Post explained the \$22,000.00 would allow a part-time position to become full-time. Jock Gill called for a paper ballot. The Moderator explained that a yes vote would allow the amendment and a no vote would not. There were 120 votes cast. There 48 yes, 71 no, and 1 spoiled ballot. Amendment defeated. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 6 passed.

- Article 7      Shall the voters of the Peacham School District approve the transfer of \$6,000 included in Article 6 to the Capital Fund?

Jerry Senturia moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. School Director, Wynne Browne, discussed the Capital Fund transfer. This fund was formerly known as the Sinking Fund and the Bus Fund and the money will be used for upcoming capital building projects. The moderator called for a voice vote. Article 7 passed.

- Article 8      Shall the voters of the Peacham School District approve the transfer of \$28,861 included in Article 6 to the Hot Lunch Fund?

Eric Page moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 8 passed.

- Article 9      Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

Mark Clough moved the question. Dave Magnus seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 9 passed.

**The following article was submitted by petition of the electorate:**

- Article 10     Shall the school district vote to direct its Board of Directors to take proactive measures to ensure that the current status of school choice for Peacham families with children in grades seven through twelve is maintained?

Jerry Senturia moved the question. Rod Reis seconded. Wendy Morgan spoke to the question. Discussion followed.

Jo Anne Post and Superintendent, Martha Tucker spoke about the School Board's present policy of school choice and the importance of gathering the sense of the Town.

The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 10 passed.



Article 11 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Karen Gallas, President of the Library Board, encouraged voters to fill out the library survey. She reported that the Peacham Library will be celebrating its bicentennial in 2010.

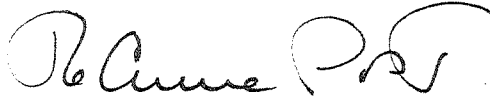
Martha Ide moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jerry Senturia seconded. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham School Directors

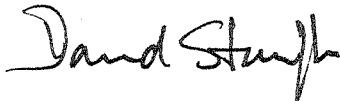
Jo Anne Post



Wynne Browne




David Stauffer



Moderator

Robert Ide



Clerk to the School District

Bruce Lafferty

PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 30, 2010

ASSETS

	<u>General Fund</u>	Hot Lunch Fund	Special Reserve Fund	Capital & General Long Term Debt	Memo Only Totals
<u>Current Asset</u>					
Cash	\$ 53,375				\$ 53,375
Restricted Cash			66,664		66,664
Accounts Receivable	14,289	116			14,405
Due From Other Funds	17,839	0	3,593		21,432
Due From CCSU	0				0
Prepaid Expense	4,219				4,219
Total Current Assets	89,723	116	70,257	0	160,095
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Property - Net of Depreciation	0	0		108,231	108,231
Total Fixed Assets	0	0	0	108,231	108,231
Total Assets	<u>\$ 89,723</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 70,257</u>	<u>\$ 108,231</u>	<u>\$ 268,326</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 16,707				16,707
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	15,950				15,950
Due To Other Funds	0	21,529	0		21,529
Due To CCSU	0				0
Deferred Revenue	0				0
Total Current Liabilities	32,657	21,529	0	0	54,186

Long Term Liabilities

Bond Payable	0	0	0	55,000	55,000
Total Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0	55,000	55,000
Total Liabilities	32,657	21,529	0	55,000	109,186

Fund Balance

Unreserved Fund Balance	21,760	(27,240)			(5,480)
FY10 Results	82,759	(23,626)	4,350		63,484
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0			53,231	53,231
Transfers (To)/From Other Funds	(47,453)	29,453	18,000		0
Reserved Fund Balance	0	0	47,906		47,906
Total Fund Balance	57,066	(21,413)	70,257	53,231	159,141
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 89,723</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 70,257</u>	<u>\$ 108,231</u>	<u>\$ 268,329</u>

## Peacham School District

### FY12 Budget Town Report

#### Function: Expenditure Summary by Function

Function	Title	Actual FYE June 30, 2010	Budget FYE June 30, 2011	Projected FYE June 30, 2011	Budget FYE June 30, 2012	Budget Incrs/(Decrs)	Percent Incrs/(Decrs)
1000	Instruction	258,157	290,773	289,273	295,983	5,210	1.79%
1000	Regular Education Tuition	847,994	845,859	758,432	782,588	(63,271)	-7.48%
1200	Special Education	66,512	42,645	48,236	49,770	7,125	16.71%
1200	Special Education Tuition	47,218	29,090	45,235	30,000	910	3.13%
2100	Student Support	72,391	22,167	17,129	17,567	(4,600)	-20.75%
2120	Guidance	8,952	9,405	8,068	8,558	(847)	-9.00%
2130	Nurse	4,884	5,078	5,216	5,622	544	10.71%
2150	Speech	269	1,300	1,300	3,840	2,540	195.38%
2222	Library	3,480	14,081	11,601	11,058	(3,023)	-21.47%
2230	Technology	18,826	20,753	23,451	25,924	5,171	24.92%
2240	Professional Development	9,569	5,375	2,500	5,375	0	0.01%
2300	School Board	58,665	61,042	60,873	54,694	(6,347)	-10.40%
2410	Principal's Office	79,679	94,002	102,924	103,775	9,773	10.40%
2520	Fiscal Services	26,376	39,084	23,296	39,730	646	1.65%
2600	Plant Operation	77,244	84,373	85,440	85,132	759	0.90%
2700	Transportation	35,907	37,700	35,750	37,700	0	0.00%
5000	Debt Service	18,541	17,691	17,691	16,841	(850)	-3.59%
Education Fund Payments		12,724	0	0	0	0	NM
(Under School Board in Detail)							
Totals		1,647,388	1,620,417	1,536,414	1,574,158	(46,259)	-2.84%
Revenues		1,728,468	1,655,278	1,691,265	1,607,548	(47,730)	-2.88%
Surplus/(Deficit)		81,080	34,861	154,850	33,391	(1,471)	
Capital Fund Transfer (2)		(18,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	0	
Hot Lunch Provision (1)		(29,453)	(28,861)	(28,861)	(27,390)	1,471	
Surplus/(Deficit)		33,627	0	119,989	0	0	
FY10 results are being audited		Total FY12 Budget Request					
(1) Amounts were originally included in the School Board line of the budget		General Fund and Hot Lunch					
(2) Amount originally included under Debt Service		ED Fund Spending					
As of : 10-Jan-11		Challenge Target					
		(36,231)					

**Peacham**

FY2011 Budget

FY 2010

FY 2011

FY 2011

FY 2012

FY'11 to FY'12

Actual

Budget

Projection

Budget

Incrs/(Decrs)

Pct

**FUNCTION****1000 Classroom Instruction**

100	Personnel	182,779	212,608	212,280	217,465	4,857	2.28%
200	Benefits	58,812	67,776	60,243	67,733	(42)	-0.06%
300	Professional Service	7,911	5,000	5,500	2,300	(2,700)	-54.00%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	250	250	250	0	0.00%
560	Tuition	847,994	845,859	758,432	782,588	(63,271)	-7.48%
600	Supplies	8,505	5,139	11,000	7,414	2,275	44.27%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	820	820	NM
800	Other	150	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,106,151</b>	<b>1,136,631</b>	<b>1,047,705</b>	<b>1,078,571</b>	<b>(58,061)</b>	<b>-5.11%</b>

**1200 Special Education**

100	Personnel	49,135	31,122	33,771	34,466	3,344	10.75%
200	Benefits	9,114	5,423	8,965	9,204	3,781	69.72%
300	Professional Service	7,283	5,000	5,100	5,000	0	0.00%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	132	100	100	100	0	0.00%
560	Tuition	47,218	29,090	45,235	30,000	910	3.13%
600	Supplies	848	1,000	300	1,000	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>113,730</b>	<b>71,735</b>	<b>93,471</b>	<b>79,770</b>	<b>8,035</b>	<b>11.20%</b>

**2100 Student Support**

100	Personnel	50,940	19,422	15,056	15,566	(3,856)	-19.85%
200	Benefits	20,545	2,495	1,723	1,750	(745)	-29.85%
300	Professional Service	841	0	100	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	65	250	250	250	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>72,391</b>	<b>22,167</b>	<b>17,129</b>	<b>17,567</b>	<b>(4,600)</b>	<b>-20.75%</b>

**2120 Guidance**

100	Personnel	7,861	8,046	7,060	7,342	(704)	-8.75%
200	Benefits	794	1,059	708	892	(167)	-15.78%
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	297	300	300	325	25	8.33%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>8,952</b>	<b>9,405</b>	<b>8,068</b>	<b>8,558</b>	<b>(847)</b>	<b>-9.00%</b>

**2130 Nurse**

100	Personnel	4,019	4,121	4,141	4,242	121	2.94%
200	Benefits	307	457	425	420	(37)	-8.15%
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	58	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	500	500	650	260	(240)	-48.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	700	700	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4,884</b>	<b>5,078</b>	<b>5,216</b>	<b>5,622</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>10.71%</b>

**2150 Speech**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Service	269	1,200	1,200	3,840	2,640	220.00%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	0	100	100	0	(100)	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>269</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>195.38%</b>

**2222 Library**

100	Personnel	0	9,711	6,180	6,462	(3,249)	-33.46%
200	Benefits	0	1,335	921	934	(401)	-30.02%
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	3,480	3,035	4,500	3,362	327	10.77%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	300	300	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3,480</b>	<b>14,081</b>	<b>11,601</b>	<b>11,058</b>	<b>(3,023)</b>	<b>-21.47%</b>

**2230 Technology**

100	Personnel	0	0	6,180	6,462	6,462	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	921	934	934	NM
300	Professional Service	16,303	15,028	12,200	15,028	0	0.00%
400	Property Services	17	400	350	400	0	0.00%
500	Other Services	950	600	600	600	0	0.00%
600	Supplies	1,294	1,900	2,000	1,500	(400)	-21.05%
700	Equipment	262	2,825	1,200	1,000	(1,825)	-64.60%
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>18,826</b>	<b>20,753</b>	<b>23,451</b>	<b>25,924</b>	<b>5,171</b>	<b>24.92%</b>

**2240 Professional Development**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	9,569	5,375	2,500	5,375	0	0.01%
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9,569</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.01%</b>

**2300 School Board**

100	Personnel	600	600	600	600	0	0.00%
200	Benefits	31	51	49	49	(1)	-2.67%
300	Professional Service	50,909	53,441	52,241	47,095	(6,346)	-11.87%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	3,446	3,350	4,483	3,350	0	0.00%
600	Supplies	2,355	2,300	2,200	2,300	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	1,325	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
900	Transfers (Town)	12,724	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>71,390</b>	<b>61,042</b>	<b>60,873</b>	<b>54,694</b>	<b>(6,347)</b>	<b>-10.40%</b>

**2410 Principal's Office**

100	Personnel	56,853	68,569	72,300	72,300	3,731	5.44%
200	Benefits	17,009	19,208	24,499	25,000	5,792	30.16%
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	3,149	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
500	Other Services	1,210	975	925	1,225	250	25.64%
600	Supplies	1,042	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	417	650	600	650	0	0.00%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>79,679</b>	<b>94,002</b>	<b>102,924</b>	<b>103,775</b>	<b>9,773</b>	<b>10.40%</b>

**2520 Fiscal Services**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Service	13,400	15,134	15,134	15,780	646	4.27%
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	64	300	150	300	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	12,912	23,650	8,012	23,650	0	0.00%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26,376</b>	<b>39,084</b>	<b>23,296</b>	<b>39,730</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>1.65%</b>

**2600 Plant Operation**

100	Personnel	25,668	21,840	22,425	22,425	585	2.68%
200	Benefits	13,171	16,298	14,352	16,169	(129)	-0.79%
300	Professional Service	2,520	425	300	400	(25)	-5.88%
400	Property Services	6,221	10,160	9,800	10,700	540	5.31%
500	Other Services	3,146	5,100	4,568	4,600	(500)	-9.80%
600	Supplies	24,648	30,000	31,445	30,000	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	1,868	250	2,250	538	288	115.20%
800	Other	0	300	300	300	0	0.00%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>77,244</b>	<b>84,373</b>	<b>85,440</b>	<b>85,132</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>0.90%</b>

**2700 Transportation**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	35,907	37,700	35,750	37,700	0	0.00%
600	Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>35,907</b>	<b>37,700</b>	<b>35,750</b>	<b>37,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

**5000 Debt Service**

100	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	NM
200	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	NM
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	NM
600	Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	NM
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	NM
800	Other	18,541	17,691	17,691	16,841	(850)	-4.80%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>18,541</b>	<b>17,691</b>	<b>17,691</b>	<b>16,841</b>	<b>(850)</b>	<b>-3.59%</b>

**General Fund Totals**

<b>1,647,389</b>	<b>1,620,417</b>	<b>1,536,415</b>	<b>1,574,157</b>	<b>(46,259)</b>	<b>-2.84%</b>
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**3100 Hot Lunch Fund**

100	Personnel	20,228	19,740	20,370	20,370	630	3.19%
200	Benefits	7,265	9,021	8,482	8,670	(351)	-3.89%
300	Professional Service	0	0	0	0	0	NM
400	Property Services	284	250	250	250	0	0.00%
500	Other Services	313	250	250	250	0	0.00%
600	Supplies	19,997	20,150	21,000	20,150	0	0.00%
700	Equipment	481	100	100	100	0	0.00%
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>48,567</b>	<b>49,511</b>	<b>50,452</b>	<b>49,790</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>0.56%</b>

<b>Total General and Hot Lunch</b>	<b>1,695,956</b>	<b>1,669,928</b>	<b>1,586,687</b>	<b>1,623,947</b>	<b>(45,980)</b>	<b>-2.74%</b>
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**All objects**

100	Personnel	398,083	395,779	400,362	407,700
200	Benefits	136,615	128,497	123,788	137,131
300	Professional Service	99,437	95,228	91,775	89,443
400	Property Services	9,671	14,310	13,900	14,850
500	Other Services	45,162	48,325	46,926	48,075
560	Tuition	895,212	874,949	803,667	812,588
600	Supplies	63,095	66,074	74,995	67,961
700	Equipment	2,611	3,175	3,550	3,458
800	Other	33,346	43,591	27,903	42,741
900	Transfers	12,724	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,695,956</b>	<b>1,669,928</b>	<b>1,586,867</b>	<b>1,623,947</b>



**Peacham**

FY2012 Budget

FY2010

2011

2011

2012

Budget FY'11 to FY'12

Actual

Budget

Projection

Budget

Incrs/(Decrs)

Percent

**Revenue****Local**

1110	Ed Fund Local Share Payments	1,493,800	1,477,223	1,493,565	1,428,985	(48,238)	-3.27%
1510	CD & MM Interest	13,213	20,000	13,250	13,250	(6,750)	-33.75%
5900	Miscellaneous	4,231	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,511,244</b>	<b>1,498,723</b>	<b>1,508,315</b>	<b>1,443,735</b>	<b>(54,988)</b>	<b>-3.67%</b>

**State**

3110	Education Fund Payments	17,343	0	0	0	0	NM
3111	Transportation Aid (Net)	14,711	14,433	15,038	14,722	289	2.00%
3145	Small Schools Grant	57,197	53,666	57,197	57,000	3,334	6.21%
3161	Capital Debt Hold-harmless	1,486	0	0	0	0	NM
3201	SE Mainstream Block Grant	37,773	32,865	37,773	32,865	0	0.00%
3202	SE Intensive Reimbursement	11,089	10,670	22,398	16,148	5,478	51.34%
3203	SE Extraordinary Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	NM
3204	Essential Early Education	5,751	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>145,350</b>	<b>111,634</b>	<b>132,406</b>	<b>120,734</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>8.15%</b>

**Federal**

4250	Consolidated Federal Programs	31,938	14,597	22,000	14,000	(597)	-4.09%
	E-Rate Reimbursement	821	2,500	2,800	800	(1,700)	-68.00%
	CCSU Portion of Pre-K Program	0	27,823	25,744	28,279	456	1.64%
	Private Grants	39,115	0	0	0	0	NM
<b>Totals</b>		<b>71,873</b>	<b>44,920</b>	<b>50,544</b>	<b>43,079</b>	<b>(1,841)</b>	<b>-4.10%</b>

General Fund Total Revenues

<b>1,728,468</b>	<b>1,655,277</b>	<b>1,691,265</b>	<b>1,607,548</b>	<b>(47,729)</b>	<b>-2.88%</b>
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**Food Service Revenues**

1610	Food Service Sales	8,962	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
3450	Food Service Match	3,711	400	3,500	400	0	0.00%
4550	Child Nutrition	12,268	10,250	11,500	12,000	1,750	17.07%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24,941</b>	<b>20,650</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>22,400</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>8.47%</b>

All Funds Total Available

<b>1,753,409</b>	<b>1,675,927</b>	<b>1,716,265</b>	<b>1,629,948</b>	<b>(45,979)</b>	<b>-2.74%</b>
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Detail budgets are available at the School and at the Town Clerk's Office

**Notes on FY'11 and FY'12**

Under Act 68, the total amount of revenue to be received from the Education Fund is shown under the Local section and is titled Education Fund Payments.

Each year the April 1 Grand List determines how much of the Education Fund Payments will be received from the Local taxpayer as Residential or Non-Residential Payments.

Any remaining Education Fund Payments, up to the total of the amount shown under Local as Education Fund Payments, will be received from the State. Any amount collected that is not needed by the school will be sent to the State Education Fund. A Payment is indicated by (xxx) in the State section.

**Peacham School District**

Estimated Tax Rates Calculation	<u>FY12</u>		<u>FY11</u>
Budgeted Expenditures	1	\$1,607,548	\$1,655,277
Less: Local Revenues	2	(178,563)	(178,054)
Net Education Fund Spending	3	1,428,985	1,477,223
Equalized Pupils (1)	4	106.81	105.24
Education spending per equalized pupil	5	13,379	Line 3 / Line 4 14,037
Base for tax rate calculation (2)	6	8,544	8,544
District spending adjustment factor	7	156.587%	Line 5 / Line 6 164.287%
2011 Statewide Residential Property Tax Rates (2)	8	\$0.870	\$0.860
District spending adjustment		156.587%	Line 7 calculation 164.287%
		\$1.3623	Line 8 x Line 7 \$1.4129
Common Level of appraisal adjustment (3)		95.77%	99.50%
Estimated Residential Tax Rate		\$1.4225	\$1.4200
Change from Prior Year Actual Tax Rate		\$0.0025	\$0.0930
Statewide Non Residential Tax Rate (2)		\$1.360	\$1.350
Common Level of appraisal adjustment		95.77%	99.50%
		\$1.4201	\$1.3568
Spending threshold amount		\$14,733	\$14,552

**Notes:**

(1) Equalized pupil calculation is from Dept of Education and is based on FY'11 and FY'10 data and averaged over those two years. Final Data issued Dec 20, 2010

(2) Amounts are based on the recommendations from the Department of Taxes to the Legislature on Dec 01, 2010 and are subject to final approval or change by the 2011 Legislative session

(3) Common level of appraisal percentage is calculated by VT Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and CLA figure received December 14, 2010.

<u>Actual Calendar Year Tax Rates</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Residential (2009 after reappraisal)	\$1.4200	\$1.3270	\$1.8961	\$1.8165	\$1.5412	\$1.5223	\$1.4477
Non Residential (2009 after reappraisal)	\$1.3568	\$1.3000	\$1.9682	\$1.8326	\$1.6088	\$1.5964	\$1.4959
For school fiscal year budget	FY'11	FY'10	FY'09	FY'08	FY'07	FY'06	FY'05
Common Level of Appraisal	99.50%	100.00%	69.10%	74.21%	89.51%	94.59%	102.95%
Year over Year Change	0.50%	0.00%	5.11%	15.30%	5.08%	8.36%	-19.23%
<u>For Fiscal Year Budget</u>	<u>FY'12</u>	<u>FY'11</u>	<u>FY'10</u>	<u>FY'09</u>	<u>FY'08</u>	<u>FY'07</u>	<u>FY'06</u>
Number of equalized pupils	106.40	105.24	109.09	113.05	115.42	119.61	123.95
Percentage of change	1.10%	-3.53%	-3.50%	-2.05%	-3.50%	-3.50%	-3.50%

\$10,000 of budget cost = one cent on tax rate after CLA adjustment

District: **Peacham**

T151

Enter base education  
amount. See note at  
bottom of page.Enter estimated  
homestead base rate for  
FY2012. See note at  
bottom of page.County: **Caledonia**

Caledonia Central

**8,544****0.87**

Expenditures		FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
1.	<b>Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)</b>	<b>\$1,597,619</b>	<b>\$1,675,106</b>	<b>\$1,655,277</b>	<b>\$1,607,548</b>
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,597,619</b>	<b>\$1,675,106</b>	<b>\$1,655,277</b>	<b>\$1,607,548</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$1,597,619</b>	<b>\$1,675,106</b>	<b>\$1,655,277</b>	<b>\$1,607,548</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$50,948	\$58,240	\$59,375	\$60,875
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc. including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$197,276	\$181,541	\$178,054	\$178,563
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	<b>\$197,276</b>	<b>\$181,541</b>	<b>\$178,054</b>	<b>\$178,563</b>
15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,400,343</b>	<b>\$1,493,565</b>	<b>\$1,477,223</b>	<b>\$1,428,985</b>
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	113.26	109.09	105.24	106.81
17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$12,363.97</b>	<b>\$13,691.13</b>	<b>\$14,036.71</b>	<b>\$13,379</b>
18.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$171.21	\$169.96	\$168.10	-
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
		threshold = \$13,287	threshold = \$13,984	threshold = \$14,549	threshold = \$14,733
23.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
24.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$12,364	\$13,691	\$14,037	\$13,379
25.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b> <b>(\$13,379 / \$8,544)</b>	<b>150.596%</b> <i>based on \$8,210</i>	<b>160.243%</b> <i>based on \$8,544</i>	<b>164.287%</b> <i>based on \$8,544</i>	<b>156.587%</b> <i>based on \$8,544</i>
Prorating the local tax rate					
26.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (156.587% x \$0.870)	\$1.3102 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	\$1.3781 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$1.4129 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$1.3623 <i>based on \$0.870</i>
27.	Percent of Peacham equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.00%
28.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.3623)	\$1.3102	\$1.3781	\$1.4129	\$1.3623
29.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	<b>69.10%</b>	<b>103.85%</b>	<b>99.50%</b>	<b>95.77%</b>
30.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (1.362 / 95.77%)	\$1.8961 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	\$1.3270 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$1.4200 <i>based on \$0.880</i>	\$1.4225 <i>based on \$0.87</i>
31.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (156.587% x 1.80%)	2.71% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.88% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.96% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.82% <i>based on 1.80%</i>
32.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.82%)	2.71% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.88% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.96% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.82% <i>based on 1.80%</i>

- On 01-Dec-09, the Tax Commissioner made a recommendation for an FY2011 base education homestead tax rate of \$0.882. The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.

- The base education amount of \$8,544 was set by the by the Legislature, but could be subject to change.

**School:** Peacham Elementary School  
**S.U.:** Caledonia Central S.U.

## Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(A)

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":  
<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

### FY2010 School Level Data

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school, enrollment < 100  
 (47 schools in cohort)

**Cohort Rank by Enrollment** (1 is largest)  
 38 out of 47

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Sudbury Country School	K - 6	33	3.90	0.30	8.46	110.00	13.00
	Brookline Elementary School	PK - 6	35	3.10	0.30	11.29	116.67	10.33
	E. Taylor Hatton School	K - 6	37	5.10	0.40	7.25	92.50	12.75
	<b>Peacham Elementary School</b>	<b>K - 6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5.30</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>7.17</b>	<b>63.33</b>	<b>8.83</b>
-> Larger	Reading Elementary School	K - 6	40	4.70	1.00	8.51	40.00	4.70
	Whiting Village School	PK - 6	41	3.32	0.40	12.35	102.50	8.30
	Ripton Elementary School	PK - 6	44	4.90	0.60	8.98	73.33	8.17
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>61.91</b>	<b>6.46</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>9.58</b>	<b>81.51</b>	<b>8.51</b>

**School District:** Peacham  
**LEA ID:** T151

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILES FOR FY10 and FY11.

### FY2009 School District Data

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school district, FY2009 FTE < 100  
 (50 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District    Student FTE enrolled in school district    Current expenditures per student FTE **EXCLUDING** special education costs

**Cohort Rank by FTE**  
 (1 is largest)  
 38 out of 50

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE <b>EXCLUDING</b> special education costs
Smaller ->	Woodford	K-6	36.00	\$10,864
	Reading	K-6	36.08	\$19,016
	Morgan	K-6	36.90	\$15,006
	<b>Peacham</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>\$17,923</b>
-> Larger	Ripton	PK-6	44.41	\$16,168
	Sunderland	K-6	46.55	\$15,023
	Roxbury	PK-6	48.08	\$12,280
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>62.29</b>	<b>\$13,210</b>

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

### FY2011 School District Data

				School district tax rate			of prorated member district rates		
				SD	SD	SD	MUN	MUN	MUN
				Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District				Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.
Smaller ->	T034	Brownington	K-6	101.24	9,462.59	0.9525	1.0339	1.0821	0.9554
	T170	Roxbury	PK-6	102.79	12,498.11	1.2580	1.2580	0.8601	1.4626
	T143	North Hero	K-6	104.28	12,451.96	1.2534	1.2534	0.8283	1.5132
<- Larger	T151	Peacham	PK-6	105.24	14,036.71	1.4129	1.4129	0.9950	1.4200
	T197	Stockbridge	PK-6	111.80	11,989.94	1.2069	1.2069	0.8654	1.3946
	T125	Middletown Springs	PK-6	117.78	12,294.90	1.2375	1.2375	0.8293	1.4922
	T221	Wardsboro	PK-6	128.26	12,577.30	1.2660	1.2660	0.9860	1.2840

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

**Peacham School District**For FY **June 30, 2010**

		Total		Total	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Sal &amp; Ben</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
110	Brehm, Lian	4,816.40	507.42	5,323.82	Art
110	Brisco, Janice	58,543.97	20,554.73	79,098.70	G 3/4
110	Chase, Dawnna L.	44,090.58	20,454.36	64,544.94	G 5/6
110	Crum, Cathy	36,146.88	3,879.82	40,026.70	G 1/2
110	Ostrander, Regina M.	10,873.60	1,060.08	11,933.68	Physical Education
110	Parker, Sarah	45,343.04	9,748.80	55,091.84	Pre K/K
110	Peabody, Mark	63,000.00	17,753.01	80,753.01	Special Education/Principal
110	Riley, Eileen	48,952.99	20,912.21	69,865.20	Extension/Library
110	Turner, Laura	4,032.79	411.75	4,444.54	Music
110	Vaal, Ruth	4,019.45	410.35	4,429.80	Nurse
110	Webster, Diana	7,861.00	1,141.34	9,002.34	Guidance
110	Substitutes	9,027.00	921.66	9,948.66	Substitutes
Totals		336,707.70	97,755.53	434,463.23	

Note: PSD reimbursed for Sarah Parker CREEP activities, Salary and Benefits \$24,450.74 by CCSU.

**Staff Personnel**For FY **June 30, 2010**

		Total		Total	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Sal &amp; Ben</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
115	Berwick, Wanda	557.50	56.92	614.42	Hot Lunch
115	Burke, Rosana	18,370.06	7,421.13	25,791.19	Administrative Assistant
115	Emerson, Angel	21,104.78	1,981.21	23,085.99	Para Educator
115	Ruffner, Alice	18,585.57	8,525.62	27,111.19	Hot Lunch
115	Stevenson, Cheryl	23,901.36	14,744.61	38,645.97	Custodian
		82,519.27	32,729.49	115,248.76	

**Administrative Professional Personnel**For FY **June 30, 2010**

		Total		Total	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Sal &amp; Ben</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
110	School Board	600.00	50.00	650.00	School Directors
		600.00	50.00	650.00	

All PR FY'10 Totals 419,826.97 97,085.54 477,723.79

**Substitutes**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Berwick, Brittany	982.00		122.75
Berwick, Jennifer	620.00		77.50
Dimick, Mary	5,317.50	67.00	96.25
Luomala, Jael	552.50	8.50	
Nunn, Rose J.	482.50	4.00	
Blackmore, Dolores	292.50	4.50	
Lazerick, Sandy	65.00	1.00	
Nolan, Mary Beth	715.00	11.00	
	9,027.00		

### Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Payment</u>		<u>Scheduled Payment of</u>		<u>Balance</u>
			<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	
07/01/03	Opening Balance				160,000.00
12/01/03	14,287.08	4.9910%	4,354.68	15,000.00	145,000.00
06/01/04	3,980.35		3,980.35		145,000.00
12/01/04	13,912.75	5.0910%	3,980.35	15,000.00	130,000.00
06/01/05	3,598.53		3,598.53		130,000.00
12/01/05	18,598.53	5.1910%	3,598.53	15,000.00	115,000.00
06/01/06	3,209.20		3,209.20		115,000.00
12/01/06	18,209.20	5.2910%	3,209.20	15,000.00	100,000.00
06/01/07	2,812.38		2,812.38		100,000.00
12/01/07	17,812.38	5.3910%	2,812.38	15,000.00	85,000.00
06/01/08	2,408.05		2,408.05		85,000.00
12/01/08	17,408.05	5.6660%	2,408.05	15,000.00	70,000.00
06/01/09	1,983.10		1,983.10		70,000.00
12/01/09	16,983.10	5.6660%	1,983.10	15,000.00	55,000.00
06/01/10	1,558.15		1,558.15		55,000.00
12/01/10	16,558.15	5.6660%	1,558.15	15,000.00	40,000.00
06/01/11	1,133.20		1,133.20		40,000.00
12/01/11	16,133.20	5.6660%	1,133.20	15,000.00	25,000.00
06/01/12	708.25		708.25		25,000.00
12/01/12	15,708.25	5.6660%	708.25	15,000.00	10,000.00
06/01/13	283.30		283.30		10,000.00
12/01/13	10,283.30	5.6660%	283.30	10,000.00	0.00
	<u>197,568.50</u>		<u>47,703.70</u>	<u>160,000.00</u>	

## Report from the School Board

“The only constant is change”--an ancient aphorism that seems especially apt for Peacham Elementary School. A new principal, Hank Ruppertsberger, joined us on July 1, 2010. “Mr. R” brings energy, optimism and diverse interests ranging from science to beekeeping. Other new staff (introduced in the Letter from the Principal) includes Michelle Melville in library/tech integration, Samantha Prindiville in music, Alan Sholk in special education, Sally Cochran in guidance, and para-educator Meryl Haff.

The November election brought a new administration to Montpelier and with it a change in tone vis-a-vis public education. ARRA funding of \$19 million is now to be released to offset some education costs in Vermont, and schools have been given extra time to reach the “Challenges for Change” targets for spending reductions. Peter Peltz, author of Act 153, with its “carrot” approach to promoting voluntary school district mergers, visited Peacham in November to explain the provisions of the legislation. Act 153 is still being considered in some supervisory unions, but was rejected in CCSU as being inapplicable here due to the different models for delivering education represented by our four SU schools.

In the meantime, the strategic planning process, which began in November 2009 with a Community Forum brainstorming session and continued through the work of a dedicated committee, emerged as a finished document last fall. The new Strategic Plan sets out goals in school climate, community relations, curriculum, technology and differentiated instruction, and may be viewed on the newly revamped school website.

The budget brought some surprises as well. An unanticipated drop in the number of tuition students this year may result in a sizable surplus when the books are closed in 2011, and also means a lower budget projection for 2012. Because of this, Peacham surpassed its “Challenges for Change” target as set out in Act 146. It is still up to the Legislature, however, to set the tax calculation formula, and it now appears that next year's amounts, combined with a drop in Peacham's CLA, mean that our residential property tax rate will actually increase very slightly over last year despite a significant drop in the overall budget. This is frustrating, to say the least.

Some encouraging news is that enrollment is growing at the Elementary School, particularly in the lower grades, so after a protracted period of declining or static enrollment, we are looking at a larger student body for next school year. We are also looking at the newly completed Northern Skies Observatory on its knoll above the school, and are very pleased that “Mr. R” is training as a docent to help make this amazing resource available to Peacham students! Thanks for your continuing support,

Peacham School Board: Jo Anne Post, Wynne Browne and Jenny Mackenzie

## Annual Report from the Peacham School Principal

Let me begin by thanking students, parents, and community members for the generous support you give to the Peacham Elementary School. I believe small schools are vital to the health of communities throughout Vermont. It is wonderful to be part of a vibrant school community where students are supported by caring teachers, helpful parents, neighbors, and others who give of their time and other resources to help ensure our school's continued success.

Our enrollment currently stands at 55 students, grades PK – 6. Students continue to be grouped in combined grade levels. Our veteran staff include: Sarah Parker (grades PK & K, 23 students), Kathy Crum (grades 1 & 2, 13 students), Janice Brisco (grades 3 & 4, 10 students), and Dawnna Chase (grades 5 & 6, 9 students). I am thankful to these teachers for the respectful learning environment they maintain in their classrooms, and the hard work they do to ensure their teaching is focused on, and guided by, student learning. Several new staff has joined us this year: Michelle Melville has brought a high level of interest and skill as our librarian and technology application support person. Equally ambitious and talented is, our new music and choral teacher, Samantha Prindiville. Student support has been also been strengthened with the addition of special educator Alan Sholk, and Sally Cochran, our knowledgeable and caring guidance counselor. Our para-educator Meryl Haff is also new to our school, and provides wonderful support to help meet a variety of student needs. As the school's instructional leader, I continue to enjoy my work with these teachers to help build our knowledge and skills.

We currently have 15 Peacham students attending area schools in grades 7 & 8, and 42 students in grades 9 – 12. This year, it has been nice to see several of these students return to their home town elementary school as part of their special projects or assignments. My thanks to them for keeping us in mind!

If you have not yet discovered our new web page, please go to: <https://sites.google.com/a/peachamschool.org/peacham-school/> for up to date school information. Please give Rossana Burke, our school's administrative assistant a call, if you should have further questions. Rossana takes pride in helping others, no matter what the question or need.

Please let me know if I can be of help!

Sincerely,

Hank Ruppertsberger



## Parent Teacher Friend Group Report 2010

PTF continues 2010-2011 with Sara Bunnell as President and Rossana Burke as Treasurer. We thank them for their hard work and commitment to PTF.

PTF organized two successful fundraisers for the fall of 2010, the Fall Foliage Festival and a Red Barn fundraiser. Thank you to all of you for your help and participation, without your help they would not have been possible.

As we put together this report, the students in grades one through six are gearing up for four weeks of skiing at Burke Mountain. The Burke Mountain Ski Program is fully funded by PTF. The program provides each student with equipment, lessons and the opportunity to practice their new skills. The "Swim for Gym" Program will take place this spring, and is also fully funded by PTF.

PTF continues to fund scholarships for musical instrument rentals, as well as offer support for the rent-to-own instrument program through Ellis Music.

Upcoming PTF events include the auction, which will likely take place in March as well as an end of the year family event.

PTF is an organization made up of parents, staff and community members who work together to provide additional opportunities for Peacham students. We always welcome new faces and new ideas.

Sara Bunnell and Rossana Burke, PTF Officers

**Caledonia Central S.U.**  
**FY09-FY10-FY11 Data**

Function: **2320 - Superintendent**

<u>Obj Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Actual FYE June 30, 2009</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Projected FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2011</u>	<u>Budget Incrs/(Decrs)</u>	<u>Percent Incrs/(Decrs)</u>
100	Salaries and Wages	149,555	149,797	149,547	158,561	8,764	5.85%
200	Benefits	15,561	16,107	16,098	16,041	(66)	-0.41%
300	Professional Services	19,160	13,420	13,300	13,920	500	3.73%
400	Repair & Maintenance	30,554	35,324	35,121	35,324	0	NM
500	Purchased Services	13,643	15,380	15,188	15,225	(155)	-1.01%
600	Supplies	11,159	10,570	9,950	10,070	(500)	-4.73%
700	Equipment	4,381	0	1,000	0	0	NM
800	Other	3,296	5,250	6,335	6,750	1,500	28.57%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		<u>247,310</u>	<u>245,848</u>	<u>246,539</u>	<u>255,890</u>	<u>10,042</u>	4.08%

Function: **2420 - Student Services**

<u>Obj Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Actual FYE June 30, 2009</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Projected FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2011</u>	<u>Budget Incrs/(Decrs)</u>	<u>Percent Incrs/(Decrs)</u>
100	Salaries and Wages	155,390	148,878	150,735	155,104	6,227	4.18%
200	Benefits	26,405	18,205	18,421	19,030	825	4.53%
300	Professional Services	20,998	35,000	36,000	38,000	3,000	8.57%
400	Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Purchased Services	9,587	5,060	8,525	5,525	465	9.19%
600	Supplies	5,485	6,000	5,500	5,500	(500)	-8.33%
700	Equipment	2,892	3,500	0	0	(3,500)	-100.00%
800	Other	179	300	400	400	100	33.33%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		<u>220,936</u>	<u>216,943</u>	<u>219,581</u>	<u>223,560</u>	<u>6,617</u>	3.05%

Function: **2520 - Business Office**

<u>Obj Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Actual FYE June 30, 2009</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Projected FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2011</u>	<u>Budget Incrs/(Decrs)</u>	<u>Percent Incrs/(Decrs)</u>
100	Salaries and Wages	122,099	144,824	145,780	137,903	(6,921)	-4.78%
200	Benefits	19,771	22,375	22,042	20,569	(1,806)	-8.07%
300	Professional Services	1,612	1,300	300	300	(1,000)	-76.92%
400	Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	NM
500	Purchased Services	1,216	1,765	1,513	1,765	0	NM
600	Supplies	1,752	3,500	4,000	4,000	500	14.29%
700	Equipment	975	1,200	1,500	0	(1,200)	-100.00%
800	Other	335	572	500	657	85	14.86%
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		<u>147,760</u>	<u>175,536</u>	<u>175,635</u>	<u>165,194</u>	<u>(10,342)</u>	-5.89%

Function: **1210 - Pre School Program**

<u>Obj Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Actual FYE June 30, 2009</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Projected FYE June 30, 2010</u>	<u>Budget FYE June 30, 2011</u>	<u>Budget Incrs/(Decrs)</u>	<u>Percent Incrs/(Decrs)</u>
100	Salaries and Wages	223,010	197,215	218,673	220,058	22,843	11.58%
200	Benefits	39,828	35,349	42,299	30,141	(5,208)	-14.73%
300	Professional Services	60,065	59,149	62,712	57,955	(1,194)	-2.02%
400	Repair & Maintenance	125	550	150	250	(300)	-54.55%
500	Purchased Services	4,749	4,640	6,173	6,140	1,500	32.33%
600	Supplies	7,236	8,500	8,500	9,000	500	5.88%
700	Equipment	6,023	0	200	0	0	NM
800	Other	600	0	0	0	0	NM
900	Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	NM
Totals		<u>341,636</u>	<u>305,403</u>	<u>338,706</u>	<u>323,545</u>	<u>18,142</u>	5.94%

Supervisory Union Totals

957,642

943,730

980,461

968,189

24,459

As Of: 17-Dec-09

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## Superintendent's Report 2011

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union remained focused on leadership and service to our four school districts throughout the challenges of the 2010 calendar year. The CCSU system generally, and our schools in particular, have been able to navigate times of great changes while remaining true to our purpose – educating our students for their lives beyond high school. Our goals as a supervisory union continued to reflect the priorities that were previously identified within each school's strategic plan.

The integration of technology throughout our supervisory union looked very different at the end of 2010 relative to 2009. The acquisition of equipment, professional development, clarification of roles and increase in staff resulted in significant increases in the use of technology instructionally as well as in management operations. This will continue. In order to increase the effectiveness of our use, we will begin to shift our emphasis from using tools to redesigning instruction and redefining expectations of our teachers and students.

The supervisory union has continued to focus on increasing student achievement through work in writing, specifically, as well as in improved instruction and assessments. When our NECAP results are available in February, we will have the information we need to evaluate and adjust these educational improvement activities. We have already begun to expand our emphasis in writing to a more comprehensive focus on literacy in general (reading as well as writing) in 2011. Initially, we are reviewing our approaches in grades K-3 in order to ensure that we are maximizing the opportunity for every child to be a fluent reader by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

During the 2010 legislative session, two decisions were made which had considerable impact on the work of the CCSU Central Office. Act 153 required Supervisory Unions to discuss the voluntary merger of local districts into a Regional Educational District, (known as a RED). Within CCSU the formation of a RED was discussed as required by legislation. However, given the different grade offerings in our schools, (K-6, K-8, and K-12) and options for middle and high school choice within our supervisory union, we are not able to meet the specific requirements that must be in place for formation of a RED. At this time, the CCSU has no further plans to consider a voluntary merger of school districts.

Act 146, also known as Challenges for Change, required supervisory unions to seek alternative approaches for conducting their operations in an effort to reduce spending by an amount that was set by the Department of Education: the targeted reduction for CCSU was \$165,581. We were required to notify Vermont Education Commissioner Vilaseca by December 15 as to our ability to achieve this target. At that date, with the limited information our Boards had in several important cost areas, such as high school tuition rates, it appeared we could not achieve the targeted reduction. By January 11, 2011, with all financial information in and all budgets approved, we had surpassed the reduction that was set for the supervisory union by \$23,866. This was accomplished through thoughtful and difficult work on the part of our Boards and administrators. Educational priorities that were balanced by efficient operations and cost effectiveness yielded budgets in all four schools that are at or below last year's spending. The CCSU budget which supports the direction and coordination of services for our schools is down as well by \$27,466 or 2.84%.

I feel very fortunate to work in Caledonia Central Supervisory Union. Our central office staff, school administrators and Boards are experienced, hard working and energetic. Our vision of education emphasizes the importance of community and of caring for our own. I believe that we are doing honest work in the best interest of our children.

Thank you for supporting our schools.