

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Prudential Committee School Board Meeting
Albert D. Lawton School Library
February 12, 2007
6:30PM

Board Members Present: Linda Waite-Simpson, Beth Ward, Charlee Day, Brenda Dawson-Crocket, Marla Durham

Administrators Present: Mike Dewese, Judy Prince, Grant Geisler, Erin Maguire.

Others Present: Martha McClintock, Adam Weiss, Joe Johnston, Brian Vachon, Kent Boream, along with many educators and support staff.

Call to order: Linda Waite-Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:40PM.

Visitors to be heard: Martha McClintock, Adam Weiss, Joe Johnston, Kent Boream, Brian Vachon. Many visitors to be heard were present, chiefly educators and support staff concerning support staff negotiations as well as the 0.25 FTE physical education position at ADL.

Martha McClintock of the Essex Junction Education Association spoke on behalf of Teachers and Support Staff asking the Negotiations Committee to return to the bargaining table. One of the concerns expressed was the high turnover of support staff; they have been working with no new contract since 2006. Adam Weiss, a teacher at EHS, also spoke in support of the Support Staff. Linda Waite-Simpson and the Prudential Committee agree we would all like to find a respectful resolution.

Joe Johnston, a parent in the community and Physical Education teacher in the Colchester School District, spoke on behalf of the Physical Education position at ADL. He asked the Prudential Committee to keep that position at the current 0.5 FTE versus the 0.25 FTE originally budgeted due to class size changes. Linda Waite-Simpson stated that the Prudential Committee is keeping the position as 0.5 FTE.

Task Team Updates:

Building Blocks. Judy Prince spoke that the job description has been completed and interviews began last week for the new Web Manager position.

Educational Presentation: Positive Learning Environments.

Judy, on behalf of Linda Keating, presented information from Essex Junction's data collection methods relating to goals established in the Comprehensive Plan for Continuous Improvement. She also reported on the Responsive Classroom and Responsive Design Initiatives being implemented in all of the Essex Junction schools.

Erin Maguire presented information regarding the Social Support Model and job description. This model began as K-5 and now includes K-8.

Unified Union Study Committee (UUSC):

Kent Boream, Chair of the UUSC, presented the 12 articles that the UUSC has agreed upon. At their January 31 meeting, the UUSC voted unanimously (16-0) to recommend the formation of a unified union school district be forwarded to the State Board of Education, and thereafter for public vote. Brian Vachon, the UUSC's Communication Consultant, discussed communication outreach plans and concerns with the Board. After a lengthy discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to support the plan for a Unified Union School District to be sent to the State Board of Education and thus put out to the voters.

Designated Fund Balance:

EJSD currently has a balance of \$300,346 in the designated fund balance. These funds were reserved several years ago in the event the district ever receive less than anticipated revenues. These funds cannot be accessed without board approval. In FY'06, EJSD received fewer revenues than were budgeted. In order to carry a reasonable fund balance in FY'08, Grant requested approval to access \$100K of the designated fund balance.

Charlee Day moved to access \$100,000 out of the Designated Fund Balance leaving \$200,346. Brenda Dawson-Crocket seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Budget Discussion:

Grant Geisler presented an updated FY'08 budget for EJSD (General and Capital Funds) and EJRP (General and Capital Funds), with all work sessions changes incorporated.

Marla Durham motioned to approve the EJSD FY'08 budget for the amount of \$14,727,239. Charlee Day seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Marla Durham motioned to approve the EJRP FY'08 budget for the amount of \$1,196,393. Charlee Day seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mike Dewese presented and asked the board to accept administration's recommendation of the Warning for EJSD Annual Meeting and Public Informational Hearing.

Marla Durham moved and Beth Ward seconded to accept recommendation to adopt the Warning as presented for annual meeting. Motion passed 5-0

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of January 17 and January 25, 2007 minutes. With the date correction, the year being 2007, not 2006.
- Approval of Warrants.

Charlee Day moved to approve the consent agenda items. Beth Ward seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Future Agenda items:

- Educational Support System, 2007-2008 School Calendar and calendar survey results.

Beth Ward moved to enter into executive session at 9:04 PM to discuss collective bargaining. Charlee Day seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:26 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26PM

Respectfully submitted,
Charlee Day
Clerk of the Prudential Committee