

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Prudential Committee School Board Meeting
Albert D. Lawton School Library
January 25, 2007
6:30PM

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

Administrators Present: Mike Deweese, Judy Prince, Grant Geisler

Others Present: George Dunbar

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

Visitors to be heard: N/A

FY'08 Budget Development Work Session

Grant Geisler presented an overview of the Essex Junction School District General and Capital Plan. The General Fund is based on PC guidance of level programming. Level program indicates carrying forward the current programming as received by students and adjusting for necessary changes. This does not necessarily imply carrying identical staffing. Additional budget factors include our Basic Education Grant , Penalty Threshold, Tax Rates (homestead from \$0.95 in FY07 to \$0.90 FY08; non residential from \$1.44 in FY07 to \$1.39 FY08), VSBIT Health Insurance "not to exceed" increase 7.5%, equalized pupil count for Union HS Assessment 42.57% and CLA 57.46%; also noted, enrollment projections are stable.

Current '07: \$14,366,444

Proposed '08: \$14,719,605

\$ Change: \$353,161

% change: 2.46%

It was the consensus of the board that administration had presented a very responsible budget and that the board would not require additional work sessions on February 1 and 5. Linda Waite-Simpson will draft a letter to the editor of The Essex Reporter informing the community of the cancelled meetings.

Grant presented an overview of the Essex Junction Recreation and Park's Budget for '08. The General Fund is based on budget guidance that the recreation department should have a

level tax rate. The Capital Fund - an extra \$0.01 added to the Municipal tax rate was also reviewed.

Current '07: \$1,133,451

Proposed '08: \$1,196,393

\$ Change: \$62,942

% change: 5.55%

The board was given a copy of this budget to review for the next budget meeting on February 8, 2007.

Charlee Day moved to enter into executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss contracts and a student matter. Beth Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:00 PM.

Brenda Dawson-Crocket moved to approve external tuition reimbursement on the recommendation of the Superintendent on behalf of a student. Marla Durham seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board had a brief discussion about bullying/harassment issues as they relate to policy that is currently being written, what we are doing in our schools to address these issues, as well as what resources are being used, particularly in the middle school. It was agreed that we have an exceptional administrative staff who sees this issue as an ongoing priority. We are seeing higher standard of behavior and compliance taking root.

Future Agenda items:

- '08 Budget Development Work Session to include per Pupil costs, tax rates,
- Budget Communication.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12PM

Respectfully submitted,

Charlee Day

Clerk of the Prudential Committee