

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union  
Prudential Committee School Board Meeting  
Albert D. Lawton School Cafeteria  
May 12, 2008  
6:30PM

**Board Members Present:** Linda Waite-Simpson, Brenda Dawson-Crocket,  
John Gazo, Charlee Day,

**Administrators Present:** Judy Prince-DeNova, Mike Deweese, Grant Geisler,  
Dan Ryan, Vince Gonillo, Brad Luck, Bruce Murdough (7:20)

**Others Present:** N/A

**Call to order:** Linda Waite-Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:45  
PM.

**Visitors to be Heard**  
N/A

**Educational Presentation: Professional Learning Communities**

Dan Ryan presented on the topic of Professional Learning Communities which creates a focus on learning rather. This promotes working collaboratively and being accountable for results. The Prudential Committee received a copy of the PLC Plan Book. The research is framed upon three big ideas:

1. Ensuring that the students learn.
2. Culture of collaboration.
3. Focus on results.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Fleming staff is looking forward to greater time for implementation with next year's new schedule.

**Essex Junction Recreation and Parks Budget Oversight**

Grant Geisler and Brad Luck recommended a plan for the Board to monitor EJRP budget adjustments. Beginning in FY'09, EJRP will notify the board of any individual budget increase of \$10K; they will also notify the board if cumulative increases reach \$25K. Budget increases will only occur if

offsetting revenues are anticipated. There was a consensus of the Board that this was an acceptable plan.

### **Lit Fiber Bid Approval**

Despite advertising in the Burlington Free Press for one week and individually mailing requests for proposals to four different vendors, there was only one bid to install and provide lit fiber between EJ schools and EHS. TelJet submitted a proposal of \$7,500 per site with a recurrent monthly \$725 per site fee, making the total installation cost \$37,500 (\$7,500 @ 5 locations) and the monthly cost \$3,625. This monthly cost is \$125 above anticipated, but can be accommodated by phasing in activation dates for the various locations. Grant and Vince Gonillo have requested a waiver from the Department of Education to complete this work with just one bid.

**Charlee Day motioned to approve the bid from TelJet for Lit fibers services at a price of \$7,500 per site for installation and \$725 per site for monthly service, contingent on approval of our waiver from DOE. Brenda Dawson-Crocket seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

### **FY'08 Budget Transfer Request**

As indicated in the EJSD Third Quarter Financial Report, it is anticipated that spending at least \$80K less on health benefits than originally budgeted. Grant proposed transferring \$37.5K of this amount into a Telecommunications line to pay for installation costs related to lit fiber and transferring the remaining \$42.5K to Special Education tuition.

**Brenda Dawson-Crocket motioned to approve transferring \$37.5K into Telecommunications to pay for installation costs related to lit fiber and \$42.5K to Special Education Tuition. Charlee Day seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.**

### **Project Updates**

Bruce Murdough and Grant provided updates on the progress of ongoing projects including the storage buildings, ADL asbestos floor tiles, IT space and Park Street School.

### **"Ready Schools" Findings**

Judy Prince-DeNova presented the findings of the Ready Kindergartners and Ready Schools surveys for the board to review. These provide information about our kindergarten students which our schools can use to facilitate community dialogues. These dialogues can explore strategies for how to help all children arrive ready to make the most of their K-12 school experience and how schools can create the conditions which support their children's (and families') smooth transition to kindergarten.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- Approve Minutes: April 14 Meeting Minutes
- Approve Warrants
- Approve Recommendation for Professional Appointments
- Authorize Vote by Proxy
- Accept donation
- Approve request for Activity Recognition

**Charlee Day moved to approve the consent agenda items Brenda Dawson-Crocket seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

### **Future Agenda items:**

- Carousel Meeting in June.
- Approve Tax Anticipation Notice.
- Approve Change to Amendment of Village of Essex Junction Tax Collection Agreement
- Park Street School update
- Department of Education initiative

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlee Day  
Clerk of the Prudential Committee