

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union  
Prudential Committee School Board Meeting  
Albert D. Lawton School Cafeteria  
October 9, 2006  
6:30PM

**Board Members Present:** Dan Overton, Linda Waite-Simpson, Beth Ward, Charlee Day, Marla Durham (7:00PM)

**Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judy Prince, Grant Geisler

**Others Present:** Anne O'Neill, Chuck Barry, Brenda Dawson-Crockett

**Call to order:** Dan called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

**Visitors to be heard:** None

**Curriculum and Professional Development Initiatives:** Linda Keating shared how the 2006-2007 professional development model is designed to assist the Supervisory Union and each member school in meeting multi-year goals as outlined in the CCSU Comprehensive Plan for Continuous Improvement. The 2006-2007 Strand Institute Descriptions, as well as a draft of the Logic Model, were received. Linda stated that the first day long action retreat occurred at Hiawatha Elementary, led by Tom Bochanski and was a success. Summit Street School is scheduled for 10/24/06; with ADL and Fleming to follow.

**Committee Reports:**

- There were no task team updates to report

**Negotiations:** The parties have scheduled a second mediation session for the last week in October.

**School Safety:** Mike Deweese presented a summary of the issues at each school along with the status of these issues and/or further actions required. He recommended the Prudential Committee keep these in mind for

budgetary considerations. Dan suggested that school safety be a standing item on the agenda.

**Unified Union Study Committee:** Beth and Dan reported that UUSC is making progress. Dan reported it looks like the merger is on track for November vote. Linda will be stepping into the vacancy created by Dan Overton's resignation. They will both attend the next meeting.

**Holidays and Celebrations:** Judith Prince reported that the principals have been working for several months and have created a combined monthly chart using several guidelines. The goal is to align practices while being cognizant of today's society. The principals will begin talking with teachers and staff with regard to consistency. They will then begin communicating the plans to the PTOs this month in order to engage parents in the process. Schools will look toward considering non-food items and alternative types of celebrations that align with the school vision.

Mike Deweese wondered if we were satisfied with the policy in question. This has been addressed at the CCSU meeting. The Leaders at Work Committee has suggested a new policy group that will begin with addressing the Wellness Policy and head towards celebrations. It is felt that the religious piece has been met, but the question of celebrations still needs to be addressed.

**FY07 Capital Plan Adjustment:** Grant requested an adjustment to the capital plan to accommodate carpet replacement in two classrooms at Hiawatha. New England Air Quality is currently testing these rugs; initial findings suggest these are stains and no mold is present. Regardless of results, Grant suggested the tiling be done immediately. The FY07 project to move a sound system at Hiawatha can easily be delayed and these funds can be used for this purpose. Cost is approximately \$2500. Linda asked how many more classrooms need this update. Grant is not sure, possibly three more at Hiawatha and he will get back to us on the count at the other schools.

**FY06 Year End Report:** Kathy Barron presented this report requesting feedback on the format and whether it meets our needs and expectations. This report is not final. It is being designed to report past numbers as well

as present. Next month the numbers on this report will be correct; the auditors will have been in to explain adjustments. We will then begin getting these reports on a regular monthly basis.

**Budget Guidance:** Grant Geisler reviewed economic indicators both nationally (n) and regionally (NE).

- CPI - 3.8% increase (n); 4.5% increase (NE)
- Salaries - 2.9% increase (n); 2.9-3.4% increase in '05 (NE)
- Health Insurance - 9.2% increase (n); 8-12% increase in VT, '05-'06
- Unemployment Insurance and VSBIT - wide variance in from 40% increase ('05) to 20% decrease ('06)
- Utilities - Natural as providers have approval for a rate increase of 17%; electrical rates are expected to increase 9%.
- Travel allowances are set by IRS at 4.5 cents/mile

Grant recommended the board consider a potential increase suggesting that there is a pressing need to add a Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade custodial supervisor - we are currently one deep. He suggested a full FTE, which would be both a working and supervisory position. This position will ultimately create a savings by eliminating the excessive OT we are currently paying custodians.

**Prudential Committee Reorganization:** Dan appointed the following Prudential Committee Members to fill the vacancies created by his resignation:

CCSU - Unified Union Study Committee

CCSU - Negotiations Committee - Linda Waite-Simpson

CCSU - Charlee Day

CCSU Policy Committee - Marla Durham (with full notice that she cannot make any early meeting times).

This is a temporary reorganization and may change with the appointment of a new Committee member.

**Consent Agenda:** Charlee Day moved to approve the consent agenda - minutes of September 6, 2006 and September 11, 2006, approval of FY07 Capital Plan Adjustment, approval of Board Member Appointment to SU Policy Sub-Committee and approval of warrants. Beth Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Future Agenda items:**

- Local Assessment Results
- Board Reorganization
- Safety Update
- Skate the J
- Budget Guidance

**Beth Ward moved to enter executive session at 8:17 to discuss collective bargaining. Linda Waite-Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.**

The board returned to open session at 8:32M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlee Day  
Assistant Clerk of the Prudential Committee