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**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union  
CCSU School Board Meeting  
Essex High School Library – 2 Educational Dr.  
Monday, September 24, 2007**

*Minutes*

**Board Members Present:** Jeff Culkin, G Miller, Brenda Dawson Crocket, Andre Roy, Beth Lane, Al Bombardier, Beth Ward, Linda Waite-Simpson

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

**Others Present:** None

Linda Waite-Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Visitors to be Heard**

There were no visitors to be heard.

**Policy: Second Reading (for Removal)**

Policies AA, AB, AC, ACA, ACA, ACA-R, AE-R were brought to the board by the CCSU Policy Sub-Committee for removal from the CCSU Policy Manual.

*Al Bobmardier moved, and Andre Roy seconded the motion, to remove policies AA, AB, AC, ACA, ACA-R, AE-R from the CCSU Policy Manual. The motion passed 8-0.*

**Policy: First Reading**

Policy JEB (Early Entrance Age) was presented to the board for first reading.

*G Miller moved, and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to approve policy JEB at first reading. The motion passed 8-0.*

Policy KG (Use of School Facilities) was presented to the board for first reading.

*Al Bombardier moved, and Andre Roy seconded the motion to approve policy KG at first reading. There was discussion regarding this policy. Al Bombardier moved, and Andre Roy seconded the motion to table policy KG until a further meeting. The motion passed 8-0.*

**District Space Planning**

Mike Deweese reviewed the following:

- The need to move the CCSU Central Office by July 14, 2008
- EJ schools' storage – currently, there is one storage facility for the entire district, causing an inefficient “pick up and delivery” system
- EHS/ACE program – 2,000 square-foot classroom space needs to be off-site
- Future of Park Street School – convert ground floor to conference space?

- 47           • Appropriate space for the IT department is needed – currently, loading dock  
48           access is lacking at Park Street  
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50   The board discussed the implications of the Unified Union. The Unified Union study  
51   report calls for no new building construction (if a Unified Union School District is passed  
52   by voters on November 6, 2007).  
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54   There is a need to determine the acceptable future occupancy of Park Street School. It  
55   may be possible to use expenditure of the allocated \$650K voter approved funding for  
56   Park Street School. The board discussed the current use of the Discovery building.  
57   Currently, the second floor of this building is leased to VT Works for Women (formerly  
58   NNETW).  
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#### 60   **Unified Union Discussion**

61   Jeff Culkin discussed the UUSC communications plan that includes eight public forums  
62   prior to the November 6 vote. In addition, the UUSC has publicized their position paper  
63   for parents, teachers, and citizens of Essex Junction, Essex Town and Westford.

64   Committee members plan to meet with civic and community groups (such as Rotary and  
65   athletic booster clubs) to publicize the UUSD proposal and the November 6 vote.  
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#### 67   **FY'09 Budget Discussion**

68   Grant estimates \$13,200 per pupil maximum spending under the “cap”. This is an  
69   increase from the \$12,000 in 2006.  
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71   Grant notified the board that Act 130 has been fully implemented. Act 82 will not be  
72   fully implemented until 2010 at a rate of inflation of +1 percent.  
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74   It is anticipated that there will be single digit increases in 2009 as related to VSBIT. No  
75   increases in dental costs are anticipated. Solid salary numbers are in place due to recently  
76   settled contracts.  
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#### 78   **Dental Program Fund Reserve**

79   NE Delta Dental is the claims administrator. CCSU is the fund administrator and charges  
80   1.5 percent of the previous year’s claim expenses and administrative fees. The  
81   cumulative fund reserve is declining. It is important to keep a minimum of 25 percent of  
82   the estimated claims in reserve. With the current dental premium rates, the fund is secure  
83   until 2012-2013.  
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85   *Al Bombardier moved and Beth Lane seconded the motion to keep the premiums at the*  
86   *current level through FY'09. The motion passed 8-0.*  
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#### 88   **Consent Agenda**

89   The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the June 18 meeting, warrants, and the  
90   FY'09 budget calendar.  
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92 *Beth Lane moved, and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to accept the Consent*  
93 *Agenda. The motion passed 7-0-1 (Linda Waite-Simpson abstained).*

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96 The board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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100 Respectfully submitted by Jeffery T. Culkin, CCSU Board Clerk