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**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
CCSU Board
Park Street School
September 26, 2011**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Charlee Day, Michael Smith, Jack Behlendorf, Allison Weinhagen (arrived at 7:00pm), Al Bombardier, Brian Donahue, Martha Heath, Andre Roy (arrived at 6:36pm)

Administrators Present: Mike Deweese, Judy De Nova, Grant Geisler

Charlee Day called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Charlee informed the board that Allison would be late. Al volunteered to take minutes until Allison arrived.

Visitors and Employees to be Heard

There were none.

Approve Policies at First Reading

Martha made a motion, seconded by Jack to approve the policies of Animal Dissection, Special Education, Bullying and Harassment, and Prevention of Harassment to Students at first reading. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

F13 Budget Discussion

Mike Deweese led the Board in a discussion of background information meant to inform the FY13 budget process.

Collaboration with Essex Town School District

Mike reviewed the supervisory union's work to date with ETSD.

Al asked about the supervisory union's relationship with the Essex Reporter and any communications strategies. He specifically inquired about the STEM article that appeared in the Burlington Free Press and wondered why the same article was not run in the Essex Reporter.

Consent Agenda

Martha made a motion, seconded by Jack to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

CCSU Board Goal-Setting

Mike started off the conversation with the Board and reviewed what administrative departments were working on for high level goals and initiatives.

The Board discussed types of goals and the purpose of goal setting at the supervisory union board level vs. how our board goals interrelate with administrative goals and local board/school district goals.

Brian talked about making sure that any goals the Board set were actually Board goals as to additional work for administrative staff. He suggested that rather than goals, the Board consider "points of emphasis" that are inwardly focused to help the Board become more transparent and effective. He suggested that items like the superintendent evaluation, calendar mapping and ensuring best use of carousel board meeting time as potential

49 points of emphasis. Al mentioned noticing a disconnect between local boards' goals and the supervisory union
50 board's goals. Martha suggested that the Board could also use goals to reinforce administrative initiatives.

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52 There seemed to be a general interest among Board members in further exploring Brian's suggestion of points of
53 emphasis rather than traditional goals.

54 55 **CCSU Board Calendar Mapping**

56 Brian reviewed his first draft of CCSU calendar mapping with the Board. Brian suggested the Board could also
57 map out points of interest, as discussed in the prior agenda item, on the calendar map. This calendar should
58 assist the Board in planning the next agenda at the end of each meeting.

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60 Board discussion then circled back around to Board goals and how to proceed. Charlee requested that Board
61 members email her Board-focused goal suggestions by October 17 for the Board's October 24 meeting.

62 63 **Carousel Agenda Development**

64 *Martha made a motion, seconded by Andre, to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Labor*
65 *Relations. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.*

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67 The Board entered Executive Session at 8:08pm. The Board left Executive Session at 9:49pm.

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69 *Brian made a motion, seconded by Jack, to form an advisory committee, using the authority of Policy B10, for the*
70 *purposes of climate assessment of CCSU schools. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.*

71 72 **Other Items**

73 Charlee was pleased to share with the Board that Dr. Dewese has chosen to accept and extension of his
74 employment term through June 2013.

75 76 **Future Agenda Items**

- 77 • Carousel meeting topics - CCSU Administrators
- 78 • October 24 will have a budget-focus

79 80 **Adjourn**

81 Charlee adjourned the meeting at 9:53pm.

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84 Minutes respectfully submitted,
85 Allison Weinhagen
86 CCSU Board Clerk