

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**

**Union #46 School Board Meeting**

**January 16, 2012 6:30 P.M.**

**EHS Library - 2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction, VT**

**Board Members Present:** Jack Behlendorf, Brian Donahue, Al Bombardier,

Lezlee Sprenger, Ryan McLaren

**Administrators Present:** Judith DeNova, Grant Geisler, Bob Travers

Brian Donahue –Vice Chair called the Union # 46 meeting to order at: 6:36 PM

Jack arrived at 6:39 Pm.

**Visitors to be heard: None**

**Fiscal Year 2013 Budgets: CTE Work Session:**

**FY'13 Issues – CTE – Grant Geisler**

- Year following large reductions for 'Challenges for Change'
- FY'12 budget assumed steps-only settlement
- Decrease in six-semester average - 11.92 students
- Loss of \$210-215K in tuition & tuition reduction revenue
- Large FY'11 Surplus - \$359K
- Level revenue requires about \$85K
- Revenue loss is about \$215K

- Article to commit \$59K for lower than anticipated future revenues
- New administration – new players in budget process

### **DISCUSSION SUMMARY POINTS:**

- **Current financial planning assumptions have changed:**

1. The Statewide property tax is assumed to be 89 cents (slight increase in the property tax) and
2. The “Common level of Assessment” has increased which should result in a property tax decrease.

Offsetting property tax costs.

Note: The CLA indicates that homes are reasonably valued as per market conditions (re-appraisal not required).

- Announced VS Allowed tuition

**Ryan asked for clarification on how the District manages tuition costs.**

Approximately six months in advance of the start of school the District estimates Tuition costs.

Note: Sept 2013 per student CTE FTE (Full Time Equivalent) costs are estimated at \$15.1K per student.

At the conclusion of the school year the Allowed Tuition or the actual costs are known.

If the current end of year costs exceed a +/- 3% threshold then a refund or bill is forwarded is sent to the sending District.

- **Six Semester Average decline:**

AI noted that CTE costs had increased (in part) due to increased CTE entrance requirements and that a number of popular over-subscribed programs had not been expanded to meet student demands.

AI suggested that CTE Administration review current student acceptance criteria, over-subscribed programs and bring forth (to the Board) both needs/forward looking plan that expands CTE student opportunities.

Budget Communication Planning:

The board reviewed the Budget Communications deadlines as listed in the Communications Committee meeting notes of December 12, 2011.

It was agreed that Board members will start their review of the Tri-fold format/contents on March 10, 2012.

Jack agreed to:

1. Work with the Administration and the Prudential Committee in selecting the Annual meeting location  
(i.e. Cafeteria or Library – Refreshments are planned).
2. and to present the the Annual Meeting Budget info.
3. Brian agreed to present a Long Term Planning proposal.

Waive Policy JFCJ:

Jack made the motion that the board waive policy JFCJ in accordance with the Board's 12/19/2011 discussion.

Seconded by Brian.

Discussion:

Jack advised that the Administration is developing a modified weapons violations policy for CCSU Board consideration.

In the meantime all weapons violations at CTE and EHS will come before the Union # 46 Board.

Motion passed 5:0.

**The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Al Bombardier**

**Clerk - Union # 46 School Board**