

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
April 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
EHS Library - 2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction**

Board Members Present: Jack Behlendorf, G Miller, Al Bombardier, Tim Kemerer, Brian Donahue
(all other Boards' members Present for Carousel)

Administrators Present: Michael Deweese, Judith DeNova, Linda Keating, Rob Reardon, Kathy Finck

Others Present: Joe Chase, Jim Dirmaier, Nick Bovey, Mark Furland , Brianna Wisenberg, Sam Moody, Colin Watts,

G Miller called the meeting to order at: 6:31

Common Meeting Minutes

Common Board Meeting (held in the EHS Library)

- Introduction of Board Members - done by G Miller
- Robotics Demonstration: joint EHS/CTE Team
 - Students gave a demonstration of their Robot and described their experience at the competition
- Task Team Updates:
 - The Negotiations Committee work continues, agreement may be close.
- Legislative Updates
 - House; Challenges for Change Overall charge to ed fund will be ~2%; ~\$23M
 - Voluntary targets by School District to come out in Summer
 - House voted out Bill to push down base Ed rate to \$.86, currently in Senate
 - Voluntary school district merger bill also in progress, tax incentives built in.
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey
 - Gabrielle Smith (CCSU prevention and wellness coordinator) Presented the key findings from this year's survey. Results are available online at www.ccsuvt.org/yrbs
 - Tobacco use is holding steady at low levels; there is some progress with Alcohol consumption, but challenges remain; 8th grade results are consistently improved over time. Electronic bullying is now included in the survey, with females being two times as likely to be bullied via electronic means. The Parent/Student discussion night at EHS was very positive this year. It was the most well attended of the four annual events so far, with 15 students extremely involved in planning
- CCSU CPCI Achievement Goals
 - Linda Keating discussed our progress so far at the SU level. The 2010 targets cumulative (from 5th through 11th grade) were shown relative to the last 4-5 years' results.

Recess: 7:40 p.m.

Reconvene: 7:45 p.m.

Public Comment: The Opportunity for Visitors and Staff to be Heard Before the Board:

NONE present

Board Re-Organization

- Elect Chair, Vice-Chair, Clerk of the Board, Three CCSU Board Representatives
 - *Al Bombardier moved and Tim Kemerer seconded the motion to elect Jack Behlendorf as the Board Chair. The motion passed 4-0-1 Abstaining: Jack Behlendorf.*
 - Jack Behlendorf thanked G Miller for his 7 years of service on the board.
 - *G Miller moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to elect Tim Kemerer as the Board Vice-Chair. The motion passed 5-0.*
 - *G Miller moved and Tim Kemerer seconded the motion to elect Al Bombardier as the Board Clerk. The motion passed 5-0.*
 - *Jack Behlendorf appointed Al Bombardier, Brian Donahue, and himself as representatives to the CCSU Board.*
- Appoint Members to Task Teams: chose to continue where we currently serve and assign these interim positions
 - Leaders at Work: Al Bombardier
 - Policy Sub-Committee: G Miller and Brian Donahue
 - Negotiations: G Miller and Jack Behlendorf
 - Communications: Tim Kemerer
 - Workforce Investment Board: G Miller will attend the May meeting. These meetings are typically at 3:00 pm Thursday, meeting 4 times a year. Al Bombardier will take over.
- Appoint Legal Counsel
 - *Brian Donahue moved and G Miller seconded the motion to appoint the firm of Wells, Haug and Leopold to represent the district. The motion passed 5-0.*
- Set Monthly Meetings
 - Plan to have Planning session done in summer for strategic discussions and planning meeting reporting agendas for the year ahead. We should send top 3 possible meeting weeks to Cindy Remy before August.
 - Also we may want to plan public engagement opportunity in September.
 - *Calender as shown in org notes was adopted.*
- Establish Governance Team Planning Time via Carousel Meetings
- Authorize Superintendent to Accept/Administer External Grants and Funds
 - *G Miller moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to authorize the Superintendent to accept and administer external grants and funds. The motion passed 5-0.*
- Grant Authority to Pay Bills
 - *G Miller moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to grant the authority to pay bills. The motion passed 5-0..*
- Establish Newspaper of Record

- *Tim Kemerer moved and G Miller seconded the motion to establish the Burlington Free Press as the newspaper of record. The motion passed 5-0.*

What are the Reports of the High School and Technical Center Principals?

- Kathy Finck gave the CTE report, summarizing enrollment projections, looking very strong.
- Rob Reardon gave the EHS report.
 - Honors Night is May 27th at 7:00 pm.
 - VT Virtual HS initiative planning in progress and may happen next year.
 - Composting follow-up: Rob Reardon is contacting Middlebury College regarding setup to handle. There are non-daily pickups. The State is seeing an increase in composting.
 - Enrollment: class sign ups look higher than last year based on preliminary numbers (90-100 higher than expected). The school is potentially looking forward at the number of credits graduates have (may be increased due to closed campus).
 - Al Bombardier suggested an EHS marketing flyer be bulk-mailed to the islands. Rob Reardon will consider/follow-up on this idea.

What is the Review of the Annual School District Meeting? Now 20 min. scheduled

The board discussed Monday's Annual Meeting;

Tim Kemerer discussed a different format for next year - possibly in the Café with food, a more intimate setting that might be less intimidating. Also, we should follow-up with attendees of the annual meeting to engage with them.

Al Bombardier discussed comments about NECAP percentages. "Do we have formalized process to evaluate students coming for suggestions for summer courses?" We are starting with Math next year. IEP students are covered by their LEA.

Al Bombardier suggested a NECAP breakdown by sending school. Follow-up with Rob Reardon.

G Miller discussed the vote and suggested the board continue its focus on public communication.

How Shall the Board Continue the Key Metrics Discussion

Rob Reardon discussed the potential for reviewing graduation requirements. Narrowed focus

Tim Kemerer reviewed the metrics developed to this point with Rob Reardon. He will follow-up with additional charts (plan for a 10 minute discussion at the May meeting).

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of: approval of warrants, approval of March 22 meeting minutes, ratification of the tentative agreement, and accepting a resignation notice.

Al Bombardier moved and G Miller seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

What Items Should be Considered for Future Board Meetings?

- Metrics

- Student rep comeback from Jack and Lezlee
- Submit times to Cindy for Summer meeting, targeting May meeting decision
- CTE Metrics: Tim to schedule time with
- Comeback from Communication

Meeting Re-Cap Routine.

Executive Session: Collective Bargaining

G Miller moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining. The motion passed 4-0.

There was board consensus on accepting the administration's recommendation concerning the Support Staff collective bargaining agreement.

Adjourn

G Miller moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tim Kemerer. The motion passed 4:0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tim Kemerer and Al Bombardier