

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 Westford School Board
3 April 14, 2010
4 Essex High School Library
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6 **Board Members Present:** Martha Heath, Andre Roy, Jennifer Townsend, Allison
7 Weinhagen, Marilyn McConnell (other boards' members for the Common Meeting)
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9 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judith DeNova, David Wells, Linda Keating
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11 *Common Meeting Minutes*
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14 **Common Board Meeting** (held in the EHS Library)

- 15 • Introduction of Board Members - done by G Miller
- 16 • Robotics Demonstration: joint EHS/CTE Team
 - 17 ○ Students gave a demonstration of their Robot and described their
 - 18 experience at the competition
- 19 • Task Team Updates:
 - 20 ○ The Negotiations Committee work continues, agreement may be close.
- 21 • Legislative Updates
 - 22 ○ House; Challenges for Change Overall charge to ed fund will be ~2%;
 - 23 ~\$23M
 - 24 ○ Voluntary targets by School District to come out in Summer
 - 25 ○ House voted out Bill to push down base Ed rate to \$.86, currently in
 - 26 Senate
 - 27 ○ Voluntary school district merger bill also in progress, tax incentives built
 - 28 in.
- 29 • Youth Risk Behavior Survey
 - 30 ○ Gabrielle Smith (CCSU prevention and wellness coordinator) Presented
 - 31 the key findings from this year's survey. Results are available online at
 - 32 www.ccsuvt.org/yrbs
 - 33 ○ Tobacco use is holding steady at low levels; there is some progress with
 - 34 Alcohol consumption, but challenges remain; 8th grade results are
 - 35 consistently improved over time. Electronic bullying is now included in
 - 36 the survey, with females being two times as likely to be bullied via
 - 37 electronic means. The Parent/Student discussion night at EHS was very
 - 38 positive this year. It is was the most well attended of the four annual
 - 39 events so far, with 15 students extremely involved in planning
- 40 • CCSU CPCI Achievement Goals
 - 41 ○ Linda Keating discussed our progress so far at the SU level. The 2010
 - 42 targets cumulative (from 5th through 11th grade) were shown relative to the
 - 43 last 4-5 years' results.
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45 **Recess:** 7:40 p.m.
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47 Common meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tim Kemerer, U46 Clerk
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49 Martha Heath convened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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51 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, David Wells

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53 **Others Present:** Marcus Certa, Alise Brasch, Dave Brisson, Conrad Racine, Gavin
54 Cook, Eric Henshaw

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56 **Principal's Report**

57 David Wells presented his report. He noted that Westford School will receive
58 recognition by the Food Shelf for their contributions to the organization.

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60 **Budget Reconsideration and Warning**

61 Mike Deweese reviewed the rules regarding reconsideration of the school budget vote.
62 Administration is suggesting Tuesday, May 18 for the vote. The Public Informational
63 Meeting needs to occur within ten days of the vote.

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65 *Allison Weinhagen moved and Andre Roy seconded the motion to hold the*
66 *reconsideration vote on May 18, 2010. The motion passed 5-0.*

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68 Mike Deweese read the warnings for the vote and public informational meeting. The
69 Board discussed when to hold the informational meeting and agreed on Tuesday, May 11
70 at 7:00 p.m.

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72 **Consent Agenda**

73 The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of March 8 meeting minutes, warrants, an
74 LCATV resolution, reductions-in-force, and recommendations for professional
75 appointment.

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77 The March 8, 2010 meeting minutes were pulled from the Consent Agenda. The minutes
78 were discussed.

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80 *Allison Weinhagen moved and Andre Roy seconded the motion to approve the March 8,*
81 *2010 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed 5-0.3*

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83 *Allison Weinhagen moved and Andre Roy seconded the motion to approve the Consent*
84 *Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.*

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86 **Future Agenda Items**

87 • Marilyn McConnell will provide the Board with her ideas on multi-year planning
88 strategy and material on town/school mutual opportunities-such as select
89 board/community boards/school board common planning

90 • Organization of May 11 presentation – Martha Heath asked board members to
91 send her their ideas

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93 **Visitors to be Heard**

94 The Board discussed with the community visitors the need to educate the public about the
95 financing of the school budget.

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97 **Executive Session: Collective Bargaining**

98 *Allison Weinhagen moved and Andre Roy seconded the motion to enter into Executive*
99 *Session to discuss Collective Bargaining. The motion passed 5-0.*

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101 The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and exited Executive Session at
102 9:08 p.m.

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104 The Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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106 Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Townsend, Clerk