

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/PERIODICAL ROOMS
2 EDUCATIONAL DR., ESSEX JUNCTION, VT.
MONDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2011

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlee Day, David Reister, Michael Smith, John Gazo, Marla Durham

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS: Jack Behlendorf, Lezlee Sprenger, Al Bombardier, Brian Donahue, Ryan McLaren, Erin Kennedy-Knox, Martha Heath, Andre Roy, Allison Weinhagen, Marilyn McConnell, Mark Drapa

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Michael Deweese, Grant Geisler, Linda Skelding

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Vaughn Altemus, Bob Clifford, Polly Whitcomb McEwing, Lorenzo Whitcomb

The meeting was called to order by Charlee Day, acting chair for the Prudential Committee, at 6:30 P.M. in the EHS main library.

Common Board Topics:

-Dr. Vaughn Altemus , Vermont Department of Education's Leader on Act 153 Implementation, gave the boards an overview of Act 153 and addressed board member's questions.

-Bob Clifford, CCSU Food Service Director, provided the boards with an update on CCSU food services, while staff members served breakfast samples. See attached presentation, CCSU Food Service Update.

-Superintendent, Michael Deweese , explained the current, No Child Left Behind, assessment of student progress, which will be replaced by the Common Core national assessment standard.

The board recessed at 7:45 P.M.

The Prudential Committee meeting was reconvened, in the Periodical Section of the EHS library, at 7:57 P.M. Board members were joined by the Superintendent Michael Deweese, Polly Whitcomb McEwing and Lorenzo Whitcomb.

Board Reorganization:

- Mike moved/John seconded to elect Charlee as chair. Motion Passed 5-0.
- John moved/Mike seconded to elect Dave as vice-chair. Motion Passed 5-0.
- Mike moved/ John seconded to elect Marla as clerk. Motion Passed 5-0.
- Charlee, John and Mike were appointed to serve on the CCSU board.
- Charlie was appointed to Leaders at Work Committee.
- John will remain on the Policy Sub-Committee.
- Charlee and Dave will remain on the Negotiation Committee.
- Mike moved/John seconded to appoint the firm of Wells and Leopold to represent the school district. Motion Passed 5-0.
- Marla was appointed to the Essex Junction Recreation Advisory Council.
- Dave moved/John seconded to accept the attached board meeting schedule. Motion Passed 5-0.
- John moved/ Mike seconded to authorize the superintendent to accept and administer external grants and funds. Motion Passed 5-0.
- Mike moved/Dave seconded to grant authority to pay bills. Motion Passed 5-0.
- John moved/Dave seconded to establish the newspaper of record as the Burlington Free Press. Motion Passed 5-0.

Request for Tax Relief:

The request by the Whitcomb Family, LLC, for school tax relief, was presented by Polly Whitcomb McEwing and Lorenzo Whitcomb. After the representatives, for the Whitcomb Family, answered individual board member questions, the board requested further financial information from the superintendent. The board tabled the request until their monthly meeting in May.

Annual Meeting/Vote Review:

The annual meeting and votes were discussed by the board. The board requested that Mike Smith share their comments at the next Communication Committee meeting.

Board Meeting Recorder:

The superintendent shared the attached job description, outlining the recommended duties and expectations, of a board meeting recorder. The board noted that the clerk, still needs to review and be responsible for the minutes as provided by the board recorder. Marla moved/Dave seconded to accept the superintendent's recommendation with the stipend not to exceed \$800. Motion Passed 5-0.

Employee Appreciation:

In appreciation, to all district staff, the board requested that fruit platters be delivered to Summit Street, Fleming, Hiawatha, ADL, Recreation Department and CCSU Offices during May.

Consent Agenda:

John moved/Dave seconded to approve warrants, accept recommended professional appointment, three requests for tuition waivers, and attest to Annual Meeting Minutes of April 11th, 2011. Motion Passed 5-0.

Minutes of March 14th, March 24th, and April 11th were pulled from the consent agenda to make changes and to clarify the legal requirements of board minutes. The March 14th minutes were Regular meeting minutes. March 24th minutes were for a Special Meeting, pertaining to legal issues involving the Recreation and Parks Department. April 11th minutes were Special Meeting minutes.

John moved/Dave seconded to approve the above minutes with changes. Motion Passed 5-0.

Future Agenda Items:

- Whitcomb Farm Request for Tax Relief
- Meeting with School Principals
- Action Plans
- Committee Updates
- Process/costs in collection of School and Recreation Department Taxes

Meeting Recap:

Charlee provided the recap of the meeting.

Mike moved/John seconded to move into executive session at 8:49 P.M. to discuss personnel matters. Motion Passed 5-0.

The board re-entered open session and adjourned at 9:14P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Marla J. Durham, Clerk of the Board