

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union  
Union #46 School Board Meeting  
April 15, 2009, 6:30 p.m.  
Essex High School Library  
2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction

**Board Members Present:** Jeff Culkin, G Miller, Jack Behlendorf, Tim Kemerer, Al Bombardier

**Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Kathy Finck, Rob Reardon

**Others Present:** Barb Burnham

Jeff Culkin called the meeting to order at: 6:37 p.m.

**Welcome to New Board Members**

To date, no new board members were elected.

**Common Boards' Topic: Policy Governance**

Reviewed sample policy governance policy manual

**Recess:** 7:25 p.m.

**Reconvene:** 7:30 p.m.

**Board Re-Organization**

- Elect Chair, Vice-Chair, Clerk of the Board, Three CCSU Board Representatives
  - *Jack Behlendorf moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to elect G Miller as Chair. The motion passed 5-0.*
  - *Jeff Culkin moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to elect Jack Behlendorf as Vice-Chair. The motion passed 5-0.*
  - *Jeff Culkin moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to elect Tim Kemerer as Clerk of the Board. The motion passed 5-0.*
  - CCSU Representatives will be elected at the next board meeting.
- Quorum is now 3 for our current 5 member board, until appointment of a new member by the Essex Town School Board for the open Town seat.
- Appoint Members to Task Teams
  - Negotiations: Jack Behlendorf and G Miller will stay with this committee.
  - Other task team members will be appointed at a later meeting.

- Appoint Legal Counsel
  - *Motion from A Bombardier, second from Jack Behlendorf to appoint the firm of Wells, Haug and Leopold to represent the district as legal counsel. Passed 5-0*
- Set Monthly Meetings: Board meetings are set for the third Monday of each month.
  - *Jack Behlendorf moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to adopt the meeting schedule. Passed 5-0*
- Establish Pillars of Planning Meetings
  - Pillars of Planning meetings will be established at a future meeting.
- Authorize Superintendent to Accept and Administer External Grants and Funds
  - *Jack Behlendorf moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to authorize the Superintendent to accept and administer external grants and funds. Passed 5-0*
- Grant Authority to Pay Bills upon receipt.
  - *Jeff Culkin moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to grant administration the authority to pay bills upon receipt. Passed 5-0.*
- Identify Newspaper of Record as "The Burlington Free Press."
  - *Al Bombardier moved and Tim Kemerer seconded the motion to identify "The Burlington Free Press" as the newspaper of record. Passed 5-0.*

### **Visitors to be Heard**

There were no visitors to be heard.

### **EHS Green Team**

Rob Reardon led the discussion regarding the EHS Green Team. Barb Burnham, the Green Team advisor, led the presentation, which was focused on composting initiatives and sustainability at EHS. The Preliminary Sustainability scorecard was reviewed. An example sustainability statement will be considered and discussed at the next board meeting.

### **Director's and Principal's Reports**

- **CTE:** Kathy Finck's report was reviewed. In May, there will be a dinner theatre fundraiser (with EHS Theatre) for COTS. Also a robotics competition will be reported at a future meeting
- **EHS:** Rob Reardon presented an "EHS vision and transformation" update. Project-based learning and a student Group Contract were discussed. Students will be a part of a 'transformational educational learning" team. The Principal's report was also reviewed.

### **Collective Bargaining**

Negotiations Team meetings are scheduled in April and May.

### **Policy Planning Work Session**

Board members need to complete the list of 9 questions and provide answers back to CCSU for discussion at the next board meeting.

### **Annual School District Meeting Review**

Al Bombardier commented that charts (presented at the Informational Meeting) should be put in a context that can be understood at the individual level. Lighting in Auditorium makes it difficult to see the charts during the Informational Meeting. Generally good feedback.

### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda consisted of: approval of warrants, approval of the March 23, 2009 meeting minutes, accepting a resignation, accepting a donation, and adopting the 2009-2010 school calendar.

*Al Bombardier moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.*

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Exit poll survey results
- 3 CCSU representatives and representatives to committees
- Visual and performing arts academy
- Robotics (CTE)
- Donations: How to recognize?

### **Meeting Re-Cap**

The board re-capped the meeting.

### **Executive Session: Real Estate**

*Al Bombardier moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for real estate matters. The motion passed 4-0.*

The board entered into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

The board adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Tim Kemerer and Jack Behlendorf