

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union  
Union #46 School Board Meeting  
August 23, 2010, 6:00 P.M.  
EHS Library - 2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction**

**Board Members Present:** Jack Behlendorf, Tim Kemerer, Al Bombardier, Brian Donahue, Ryan McLaren, Lezlee Sprenger

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Michael Deweese, Judith DeNova, Rob Reardon, Kathy Finck

**Others Present:** The U46 Board participated in a joint meeting with the Prudential Committee and Westford School Board.

Jack Behlendorf, Chair, called the meeting to order at: 6:10 pm.

**Challenges for Change FY12:**

The board viewed a VSBA produced video regarding Act 153 – FY12 “Challenges for Change”.

The video presented an overview of CFC and helped provide the context for FY 2012 Budget Reduction Targets.

**Voluntary Merger:**

Mike Deweese presented DOE’s proposed “Voluntary merger of schools/school Districts” / incentives.

Al Bombardier observed that there at least three key factors that weigh heavily against public merger support:

1. Past inability to quantify potential merger savings by community,
2. One board for all school districts (no local school /district control provision) and
3. Past merger start-up costs far exceeded initial estimates.

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The board went into recess at 7:55 PM and the chair reconvened the meeting at 8:10 PM (without the Prudential Committee and Westford School Board present).

**Visitors and Staff to be heard:** There were no visitors to be heard.

**Communication: Board Public Engagement (Challenges for Change):**

- Wednesday 09/15/2010 - EHS Open House - Public handouts (Challenges for Change).
  - o Lezlee, Tim, Brian, Ryan, Jack
- Monday 09/20/2010 - EHS Public Meeting to accept public comments/feedback on Challenges for Change (CFC).
  - o Board
- Tuesday 10/05/2010 - EHS/CTE Staff Engagement (comments/feedback) on CFC.
  - o Lezlee, Tim, Brian, Ryan, Jack
- Thursday 10/14/2010 - Parent/Teacher Conference (public handouts)
  - o Lezlee, Brian, Ryan, Jack, AI
- Tuesday 10/19/2010 - Parent/Teacher Conference (public handouts)
  - o Lezlee, Brian, Ryan, Jack, AI
- Wednesday 11/17/2010 - EHS Public Meeting to accept public comments/feedback on CFC.
  - o Board

**Note:** Meetings may be subject to change as additional information becomes available.

- o Federal \$19 million Educational grant pending State/DOE decision.
- o Administration/Board feedback on proposed 2012 EHS budget changes/impacts.

**Principal's Reports**

**EHS:**

Rob, Principal of EHS, reported:

- The summer math transition program was a success,
- Staff have been scheduled to attend Power School training and
- that Dr. Nancy Smith will be working with the Math and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Core teachers on Differentiated Instruction.

**CTE:**

Kathy Finck Director of CTE reported:

- The Administrative team is working with Staff to complete Professional Development Plans,
- Renovation of the Professional Foods area has been completed,
- The staff handbook has been revised,
- CTE enrollments continue to be strong and

- "We are well positioned to start school".

**Student Involvement with the Board:**

After considerable discussion it was decided to table the issue pending further Policy/Procedure revision.

**Calendar Mapping:**

"Calendar Mapping" is defined as a twelve month Board planning tool with the objective of improving the coordination and synchronization of Board/Administrative activities.

It was agreed that Brian will accept calendar mapping updates from Board members.

**Note:** Al Bombardier left the meeting at 10:00 PM.

**Consent Agenda:**

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Approve Warrants,
2. Approve meeting minutes: June 21, 2010, July 15, 2010 and August 11, 2010.
3. Approve Professional Appointments,
4. Approval to enter a Joint Agreement and
5. Approval to Affirm the Student-Parent handbook.

The third item was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**Tim Kemerer moved, and Lezlee Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (not including the recommendation for professional appointment). The motion passed 5-0.**

**Future Agenda Items:**

Brian Donahue recommended rescheduling the December 15 board meeting to be earlier for the board to discuss Challenges for Change. **The board tentatively rescheduled their December board meeting to December 14, 2010.**

Ryan McLaren suggested adding a discussion about student engagement to the board's next agenda.

Lezlee Sprenger suggested adding a discussion regarding appreciation for teachers.

**Meeting Re-cap:**

Routine

**Executive Session: Personnel**

**Jack Behlendorf moved, and Tim Kemerer seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion passed 5-0.**

The board entered into Executive Session at 10:20 p.m., and exited Executive Session at 11:30 p.m.

**Brian Donahue moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to approve the recommendation for professional appointment. The motion passed 5-0.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:35 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Al Bombardier and Ryan McLaren  
Union # 46 School board