

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
December 13, 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

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

Others Present: Joe Chase, Maria Ung

Jack Behlendorf, Chair, called the meeting to order at: 6:31 pm.

Visitors and Staff to be heard: Steve Roberts, Ruby MacIntyre

Public comment: Both Steve and Ruby expressed their concerns regarding the elimination of Department Head positions and how the scope of their many duties would be addressed.

Additional concerns included:

- Low staff morale, potential Nordic skiing cuts and a decrease in Special Ed spending.
- It was suggested that additional Administration cuts could be made with minimal impact.

Principal Reports:

CTE:

Kathy Finck reported:

- The Commission voted to continue accreditation for the Center of Technology, Essex with a "Two Year" progress review due February 1, 2012 and a "Five Year Focused Visit" in the spring of 2015. "This is a great report that reflects CTE's many Student/Staff achievements."
- One key recommendation was that CTE "should develop a comprehensive school-wide assessment system that encourages the use of data to drive instruction and improve student achievement." Follow-up activities are in-progress.

EHS:

Rob Reardon reported:

- Administration/Students continue to study/collect composting information from area schools. This sustainability/Green/Educational project is a continuing work-in-progress.
- Senior privileges Update: An agreement has been reached with block 3/4 students. However, block 5/6 students have few choices due to limited staff and space resources/constraints. Rob continues to look at other options for block 5/6.
- School Action Plan: September 10, 2010 implement initial portals of Power School as measured by teacher, staff and administrative trainings and follow-up timelines. Completed and in-progress.
- Administration/Board recognition of Bonnie Deskatasi for her outstanding support, contributions and coordination of the "Champs Bowl" project. Thanks for all you do.

EHS SCIENCE NECAP UPDATE December 10, 2010:

Presenters: Joe Chase and Marie Ung

- Essex High School continues to lead county/state results.
- KEY POINT: Concerns regarding NECAP's limits in measuring student proficiency (for students below grade level in reading /writing) and the planned NECAP phase-out suggest the District consider shifting to an increased emphasis on "Local Assessments".
- **Future action steps:** Curriculum alignment with sending schools, improve, inquiry skills assessments/measurements, develop common assessments (adjust instruction).

VOLUNTARY MERGERS - Act 153:

Jack reported Essex Town School District (ETSD) and the CCSU are considering shared services in the Information Technology, Food bulk purchase and custodial bulk purchase areas.

A joint ETSD/CCSU administration team meeting is planned for the January 2011 time frame.

The "Where do we go from here?" question will be addressed by an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

EHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

District policy has been updated to reflect current graduation requirements. Final approval at the CCSU is pending.

The board will consider new graduation requirement changes at its January 2011 meeting.

2012 BUDGET GUIDANCE: (Board to Administration)

Motion by Brian that:

- **EHS:** Be sensitive to the burden on tax payers by producing a FY 2012 budget that has no increase in Education spending while decreasing costs by at least \$365,729 to meet the Challenges for Change reduction target.
- **CTE:** Be sensitive to the burden on tax payers from sending districts by self-imposing a similar 'challenge' of \$126,161 and reducing tuition by 2% from \$15,100 to \$14,800.
- **U#46 Capital Plan:** Analyze and prioritize all capital requirements and constrain to 1% of the EHS general fund budget

Seconded by AI. Motion passed 5:0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Warrants,
2. Approve meeting minutes: Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 15, Nov 17, 2010
3. Acknowledge Resignation
4. Adopt resolution
5. Approve recommendation for Professional appointment
6. Affirm District Challenges for Change Target
7. Announce FY 2012 Tuition Rate
8. Approve CTE Budget Transfer
9. Approve CTE bid
10. Accept Grant (Donation): Inclusion Fusion
11. Approve Budget Transfer: Inclusion Fusion

Motion by AI to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Tim. Motion passed 5:0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

January

1. Composting follow-up,
2. Legislative Desert,
3. World Languages,
4. Integrate ROTC program into class size policy,

February

1. Graduation requirements,

2. Full presentation of the Board proposed budget
3. Student NECAPS,
4. On-Line bullying,
5. Warnings,
6. FY 2012 Budget to the public,
7. Mission statement.

April

1. Act 153 update.

MEETING RE-CAP:

AI summarized meeting highlights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, STUDENT MATTER:

Motion by Ryan to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and a student matter. Seconded by AI. Motion passed 5:0.

Entered executive session at 9:11 PM.

The chair moved the board out of executive session at 9:36 PM.

Motion by Jack to approve the waiver of policy G3 for a student. Seconded by Ryan. Motion passed 5:0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
AI Bombardier
Clerk Union # 46 School board