

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 **Prudential Committee**
3 **Monday, December 7, 2009**
4 *Minutes*

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6 **Board Members Present:** Linda Waite-Simpson, Charlee Day, Brenda Dawson Crocket

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8 **Administrators Present:** Judy DeNova

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10 Linda Waite-Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:40

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13 *Common Meeting Minutes*

14 **Union #46 School Board, Prudential Committee, Westford School Board**

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16 **Board Members Present:** G Miller, Tim Kemerer, Jack Behlendorf, Lezlee Sprenger, Brian Donahue,
17 Linda Waite-Simpson, Charlee Day, Brenda Dawson Crocket, Martha Heath, Andre Roy, Jennifer
18 Townsend, Marilyn McConnell, Nathan Lavallee

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20 **Administrators Present:** Judy DeNova, Rob Reardon, David Wells, Kathy Fink, Kathy Barron,

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22 G Miller called the meeting to order at 6:40 and read the CCSU Vision Statement.

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24 **Boards' Common Topics**

25 • **“Current Realities, 2010”**

26 The Vermont School Boards Association and the Vermont Superintendents Association
27 recently released a presentation, “Current Realities, 2010. Judy DeNova, invited questions or
28 comments the boards may have after watching the online presentation before the meeting.
29 Martha Heath noted the big picture, we are all aware and becoming more acutely aware that we
30 are headed into a challenging time financially for education. It was noted that VT public
31 schools have the 4th best graduation rate, 4th or better in reading, 6th or better in math, best AP
32 achievement gains. Current expenditure per pupil, rank 5th in the country, NJ, NY, DC, CT
33 then VT; 24th in income per capita. The more we are engaged, more knowledgeable about
34 present state.

35 • **Legislative Dessert Planning**

36 The Legislative Dessert is next Tuesday 12/15 in the Colonial Room (Center for Technology,
37 Essex). Open to the public, everyone invited. After the dessert, Tax Commissioner Richard
38 Weston will give a presentation on property taxes.

39 • **CCSU Board Meeting Update**

40 Judy DeNova updated the boards on the recent CCSU board meeting. The board voted to
41 inform the Commissioner’s needs assessment with a recommendation that the supervisory union
42 boundaries not be changed at this time. She recommended that local boards also take positions
43 on this matter. The CCSU budget was also approved at that meeting. Policy governance was
44 also discussed; the board voted not to go ahead with policy governance at this time. This issue
45 will be revisited if Essex Town is included in the SU boundaries.

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47 **Task team updates –**

- 48 • Communications: Tim Kemerer reported the committee plans on putting the meeting minutes in
49 the org notes to make it more consistent what members of the committee discuss with their
50 boards, give more details.
51 • Policy: Next meeting the following evening.
52 • Negotiations: The next session is scheduled for 12/16.

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54 **Recess: 7:34 p.m. Boards to reconvene individually.**

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56 Respectfully submitted by Charlee Day

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59 **Reconvene: 7:44**

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61 **Visitors, Staff and Board Members to be Heard**

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64 **Update on Joint Meeting with Village Trustees**

65 David Crawford, Village Manager, supplied two letters of support for Village initiatives. CCSU
66 Agreed to support new walkway down rail line, and to support efforts to rebuild circ highway.

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68 *Brenda Dawson Crocket moved and Charlee Day seconded the motion to resolve to support Dr.*
69 *Deweese's letters. The motion passes 3-0.*

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71 **The Prudential Committee's Submission to the DoE's Needs Assessment on the Potential CCSU**
72 **Boundary Adjustment**

73 The Board is invited to comment on the commissioner's inquiry concerning the potential CCSU
74 boundary adjustment. This was discussed in detail at the SU board meeting on 11/30/09. Do we feel
75 we should weigh in on this needs assessment in relation to the boundary adjustment, given we do not
76 have a full board.

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78 *Brenda Dawson Crocket moved and Charlee Day seconded the motion to remain silent due not having*
79 *a full board present. The motion passes 3-0.*

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81 **Consent Agenda**

82 The Consent Agenda consisted of: approval of warrants, approval of Nov. 9 meeting minutes, approval
83 of Nov. 19 meeting minutes, and announcement of the FY'11 tuition rate.

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85 *Brenda Dawson Crocket moved and Charlee Day seconded the motion to approve the Consent*
86 *Agenda. The motion passes 3-0.*

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88 **Future Agenda Items**

89 Budget, NECAP science results, update on ADL algebra, needs assessment state board
90 recommendation.

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92 **Adjourn**

93 The board adjourned at 7:47

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95 Respectfully submitted by Charlee Day