

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
December 7, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Westford Commons
Westford School, 146 Brookside Road, Westford**

Board Members Present: G Miller, Brian Donahue, Tim Kemerer, Lezlee Sprenger, Jack Behlendorf

Administrators Present: Judy DeNova, Rob Reardon, Kathy Finck

Others Present: Kathy Barron, Leslie Krogh-Wisner, Bonnie Brigante

G Miller called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Common Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

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

Boards' Common Topics

- **"Current Realities, 2010"**

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

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

- **CCSU Board Meeting Update**

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

Task team updates –

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Charlee Day, Prudential Committee

Reconvene: 7:45 p.m.

Public Comment

None present

Task Team Update (7:45)

The Communications Task Team gave an update on their work and the board discussed plans for inviting key communicators to the budget worksessions.

What Will the U#46 Board Submit to the DoE's Needs Assessment on the Potential CCSU Boundary Adjustment? (7:50)

The Board discussed the possible addition of Essex Town to CCSU. G Miller gave an update on the SU board's decision (to send a letter to the Commissioner indicating the SU Board does NOT support this). The U46 position was discussed. Multiple members gave support for ET joining CCSU. It would probably increase inefficiencies that currently exist, BUT there are also possible benefits to students, especially in common curriculum K-8 as applies to incoming students for EHS. Lezlee Sprenger asked what the impacts to administrators and job-loss are. Judy DeNova said any savings are likely only long-term, due to transition issues over short term.

The Board reached consensus to support the proposal to add ET to the SU. Judy DeNova will craft a letter to Education Commissioner.

What are the Results of the District's Independent FY'09 Financial Audit? (8:10)

U#46 auditors Bonnie Brigante and Leslie Krogh-Wisner presented their findings. They reviewed the requirements and the audit results. No significant issues were identified.

Consent Agenda (8:30)

The Consent Agenda consisted of approving warrants; approving November 16 meeting minutes, announcing the FY'11 tuition rate, accepting a retirement notice and accepting a board member resignation notice.

Brian Donahue moved and Lezlee Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Strategic Planning: A Continuation of Board/Administrative Metrics-Planning Work Session (8:35)

EHS: Rob Reardon covered SAT/ACT participation, drop-out rate, and Access to Algebra 2 by senior year. We should probably stick with the percent of students taking SAT/ACT by the time they graduate as opposed to noting the numbers of juniors and seniors. This data is a great start on format and content. Tim Kemerer and Brian Donahue will meet with Rob Reardon to prepare additional metrics for the next meeting. There will be a report-out on PSAT/PLAN test data at a future meeting.

CTE: Kathy Finck shared three month and three year follow-up student placement data, along with the percent of students with industry credentials and with college credits on their transcripts.

What is the CTE SkillTech Program? (9:00) *tabled*

A Re-Visitation of Board Ground Rules that Increase Inquiry and Group Learning (9:30) *tabled*

What Agenda Items Should be Calendared for Future Board Meetings? (9:50)

- What is the CTE SkillTech Program
- A Re-Visitation of Board Ground Rules that Increase Inquiry and Group Learning
- PSAT, PLAN report (out past additional metrics)
- Legislative reports, ED transformation = landscape review
- Negotiations (more time)
- Grand Isle Bussing
- NECAP 2008 final analysis?

Meeting Re-Cap (9:55)

Adjourn (10:00)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tim Kemerer, Board Clerk