

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
February 15, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
EHS Library - 2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction**

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

Administrators Present: Rob Reardon, Mike Deweese, Judith DeNova, Bob Travers

Others Present: Paul Clark

G Miller called the meeting to order at: 6:30

Visitors and Staff to be Heard: none

Principal's Reports:

Rob Reardon reviewed the information items in his report. The grade 9 Core strategy was reviewed, which includes heterogeneously grouped English and Social studies. Lower level courses eliminated; supports in lab sections added for those students needing additional assistance.

Bob Travers presented the CTE director's report. SkillsUSA State events are coming up in March. State Report of Tech Center data reviewed.

SkillTech Presentation

Paul Clark reviewed Skill Tech materials passed out to the board. SkillTech is the workforce education and training division of CTE. They work with local Businesses to offer courses needed by employees to get near term skills needed in the workplace. They also do customized training. We partner with CCV and work with Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (as an example). Run like a business within the school system. Marketing is part of the equation.

Collective Bargaining

Currently at impasse. Fact finder is now arranged, work begins at end of March. Expect report in May.

Task Team Report Out

Nothing additional reported.

Recent Education Reports of Note

Mike Deweese reviewed the summary of the Transformation of Education Commission report. School-centric items include: Dual enrollment and other opportunities. There is clear room for the board to

advocate at the local and state level with current bills. The "Roots of Success" document was also quickly reviewed.

Re-Visitation of Meeting Ground Rules

The Board re-visited VSBA general recommendations for Meetings. Main items the Board identified to work on were:

- Be brief, no war stories, don't repeat.
 - o Interesting, urgent, spontaneous may not be the best
 - o May need to pause; ask if we should continue
 - o Also important to stick to agenda times.
- Focus on Strategic board level issues.
 - o How vs. What.
 - o Need to have check-in during items if we are dipping below that level.

Preliminary NECAP Update

Judith DeNova reviewed year-long meeting cycle and a proposal to eliminate some meetings. The Board will review and discuss at next meeting.

Tim Kemerer and Rob Reardon reviewed their work on NECAP and other metrics. The Board will review and discuss next month. Tim and Rob will pull in additional metrics as examples for discussion.

FY'11 Budget Communication

The main idea is to use website and link from other avenues. The Essex Reporter can also serve as a valuable resource. The Board asked to get numbers from Town Budget. Tim Kemerer will follow up with Grant Geisler on what we would need from the Town. Tim Kemerer shared information he gathered on special education budget items. The Board agreed to get individual items to G by Monday next week.

Approve Warning

AL Bombardier moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to approve the Warning of the Budget articles. The motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of approving warrants; approving Jan. 14, Jan. 18, Jan. 21, and Feb. 2 meeting minutes; and approving a request for leave.

Al Bombardier moved and Brian Donahue seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

Future Agenda Items

- HS representatives on board, discussion

- Budget Communication
- Metrics
- Check in on current action plan (Apr)
- Additional discussions regarding timeline
- Decision point on meeting ground rules

Meeting Re-Cap

Executive Session: Student Matter

Lezlee Sprenger moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a student matter. The motion passed 6-0.

The board moved into Executive Session at 10:02 and exited Executive Session at 10:15.

Jack Behlendorf moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the student matter. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tim Kemerer, Clerk