

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
February 16, 6:30 p.m.
Essex High School Library
2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction**

Board Members Present: Jeff Culkin, Tim Kemerer, Al Bombardier, Jack Behlendorf, G Miller

Administrators Present: Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Rob Reardon, Kathy Finck, Grant Geisler, Bruce Murdough

Others Present: Trina Bianchi, April Siple, Bonnie Brigante, Leslie Krogh-Wisner

Jeff Culkin called the meeting to order at: 6:36 p.m.

Visitors to be heard: None present

Principal's and Director's Reports:

CTE: 250 people were present at the recent Open house, including a VSAC bus from Winooski. Many adults as well as kids toured the center. CTE is now getting 20-30 calls a day regarding training programs.

Skills USA overview:

CTE has yearly in-house leadership competitions (Quiz Bowl; Health Knowledge Bowl (Team events); Pin design)

State competitions number of CTE students on the rise.

Gold medal winners from State go to Nationals. Top 2% of Tech students compete.

Includes career fair. CTE has grown from 6 in '02 to last year 14 students.

Huge confidence builder for students.

CTE is looking at increasing service learning programs.

EHS: NECAP update. Scores are improving in all subjects.

Significantly above state averages in all areas.

Significant Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) sub-group achievement gap continues though increases in all areas with this group too.

EHS departments are working on using mid-terms to correlate data. They are also looking at what courses students have taken. Juniors: 70% have taken algebra and geometry.

EHS also had more incentives this year.

Rob Reardon will follow-up on further analysis.

EHS Vision update:

Faculty survey coming up by second week of March. Ongoing work at department head meetings, along with discussions regarding student achievement metrics, more to come. Updates at next meetings.

Al Bombardier noted that research may be needed on high poverty districts scoring well to look at what we can do. It would also be good to see EHS compared to comparable schools.

Collective Bargaining

Current focus on teacher renewal contract. Next meeting of the negotiations team is scheduled for Feb 18th.

FY'08 Audit Out-Brief

An overview of the audit process was provided by Leslie Krogh-Wisner. No significant issues identified.

Energy Conservation: An Update

A list of steps taken was provided. There is much support from Efficiency VT. The district has some data on payback from projects Efficiency VT was involved in. Next steps include: lighting, doors. Insulation is good.

FY10 budget Communication

How do we want to communicate budget details? Deadline for submissions to the annual report is February 20th. Jeff Culkin is submitting information for the Annual Report.

A joint statement planned with Prudential Committee for the *Essex Reporter*. Plan to include value as part of the information. A tri-fold informational pamphlet will be created and provided to the community.

Rink Cafeteria

School cafeteria, no concession stand included due to educational requirements of the ONECAMPUS plan. Labor costs + lack of sales = \$ wasn't there to support continued use of cafeteria in non-school hours. Only rink on school premises in area that we know of. There was approximately \$20,000 loss during last year when it was open. Food available from vending machines approximately 3/4 of previous items (Not hot items). Vending has been moderately profitable. School doesn't provide food for any sports teams. Other sports concessions from boosters. HACCP requirements (food safety standards) critical for us + regular visits from health dept. Proposal is for concession cart to be acquired by rink and run as desired by groups associated w/ the rink.

Request for Donation

Motion to approve donation of 2/17 girls basketball game gate receipts towards breast cancer research, by Al Bombardier second by Tim Kemerer. Motion passed 3-2. (Jack Behlendorf and G Miller against.)

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of the following: warrants, Jan 19 meeting minutes, choice agreement, board member resignation, and a professional appointment.

G Miller moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Future Agenda Items

Budget comm.

Update on negotiations

Calendar

NECAP follow-ups (incl. FRL group)

Vision updates

WIB and VSBA updates from G.

Results of EFF VT lighting audit, if avail.

Annual meeting prep

Special meeting planned to approve warning of Annual meeting.

Meeting Recap

Adjourn

The board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Kemerer, Clerk