

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
January 18, 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: Mike Deweese, Judith DeNova, Linda Keating, Rob Reardon, Grant Geisler, Kathy Finck

Others Present: Joe Chase and Kelly Hill (Science co-Chairs); Don Cannedy, Hugh Gibson, LeaAnn Smith

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

Visitors and Staff to be Heard

Hugh Gibson presented the request to designate a permanent land lab for CTE Natural resources program.

FY'11 Budget Development

Grant Geisler presented the third draft budget for FY11.

The 3rd draft EHS currently stands at only .5% expense budget increase.

CTE draft budget results in Lower tuition to sending schools than last year.

Board will review staffing in greater detail at next budget session on Thursday 6:30 at the HS Library.

NECAP 2008 Science Analysis

Joe Chase and Kelly Hill presented on the EHS Science achievement results. Highlights include: EHS 2009 scores 10 points ahead of next largest Chittenden County HS. Significant improvements are seen over 2008 scores; first year the students tested had the new Freshman Earth and Physical Science curriculum.

Principals' Reports

Kathy Finck reviewed her report. Student visits to CTE have begun.

Rob Reardon noted that administrators are presenting to Grand Isle 8th graders tomorrow.

Collective Bargaining

Continues with mediator, now at impasse. Fact finder being agreed upon.

Task Team Report Out

Discussion about key communicators list usage. We'll touch base again in February Budget communications discussion. And most likely use to communicate final Budget details and annual meeting date.

Naming Rights Determination

Rob Reardon reviewed the application to name the Greenhouse in honor of Alden Walcott.

Lezlee Sprenger moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to approve the recommendation regarding the naming of the greenhouse. The motion passed 6-0.

Land Offer

Mike Deweese reviewed the land offer and recommended that we decline. Brief discussion.

Al moved and Tim seconded the motion to respectfully decline the land offer. The motion passed 6-0.

Natural Resources Advisory Committee Request

Don Kennedy gave a short history of CTE space and spoke in support of the request. The main issue for the board seemed to be the permanence of designating land in perpetuity. The Board did indicate its willingness to continue to make sure that the CTE programs have space somewhere on the U46 property to operate effectively.

G Miller moved and Brian Donahue seconded the motion to accept the rec. of supt. respectfully decline the opportunity to specifically set aside land in perpetuity for the Natural resources program. The motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of approving warrants; approving Dec. 1, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Jan. 7 meeting minutes; approving a request for leave; and rescinding a board action of accepting a resignation.

Brian Donahue moved and Tim Kemerer seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0-1. Lezlee Sprenger abstained.

Future Agenda Items

- Meeting groundrules - G Miller
- Budget Comm. - All
- Additional metrics - Rob Reardon, Tim Kemerer, Brian Donahue to meet offline
- Sustainability Policy - G Miller
- Skill Tech - Kathy Finck

Meeting Re-Cap

Executive Session: Collective Bargaining

Al Bombardier moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining. The motion passed 6-0.

The board moved into Executive Session at 9:13 and exited Executive Session at 9:50. No action taken.

Adjourn: 9:51 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tim Kemerer, Clerk