

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 **CCSU Board**
3 **Park Street School**
4 **January 31, 2011**

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6 *Minutes*
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8 **Board Members Present:** Al Bombardier, Jack Behlendorf, Martha Heath, Andre Roy, Linda
9 Waite-Simpson, Charlee Day, David Riester, Brian Donahue, Allison Weinhausen

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11 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova

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13 Martha Heath, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
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15 **Visitors to be Heard**

16 There were no visitors to be heard.
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18 **Updates from Montpelier**

19 Martha Heath discussed the \$19M from the federal government. It was approved for budget
20 adjustment by the VT House and is currently in the Senate. The VSBA was asked by the Senate
21 to help districts achieve the \$23M “Challenges for Change” target. They expect a 2.5% decrease
22 in the Grand List, “worse case” scenario for taxes (base rates at \$.88).
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24 Linda Waite-Simpson discussed the \$14M impact to the Education Fund, based on new
25 discretion from Governor Shumlin. They expect cyber-bullying direction from the VT
26 Department of Education.
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28 Martha Heath reviewed the budgeting for funding of the “REDS” per Act 153 in the FY’12
29 budget. The Small Schools Grant may be eliminated, except where geographically necessary.
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31 Linda Waite-Simpson noted there was a move to close the poverty gap.
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33 Al Bombardier asked about the FY13 budget shortfall impacts. Martha Heath reported that
34 funding from the General Fund to the Education Fund was restored, with the exception of the
35 \$23M “Challenges for Change” target.
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37 **Strategic Planning**

38 Mike Deweese is looking for board input to see if strategic planning efforts from last spring
39 should be continued.
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41 Al Bombardier asked about administrative efficiencies in the future. Mike Deweese reviewed
42 current initiatives, such as moving to AESOP (an automated substitute calling system) and
43 PowerSchool (a student database), will make an effect on efficiencies.
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45 Brian Donahue inquired about moving toward paperless hearings, a para-educator database, and
46 Act 1 work. Mike Deweese indicated that paperless pay stubs is also among those initiatives.

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Some questions posed were:

- Are governance task teams still the best models?
- Should strategic planning be done at the board level, coordinated through CCSU?

Act 153: Prospective Compact between Chittenden Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) and the Essex Town School District (ETSD)

To date, two meetings have been held between CCSU and ETSD Executive Committees. Together, they created a purpose statement:

“The Executive Committee of School Board Chairs from both ETSD and CCSU request that the Superintendents from ETSD and CCSU meet together, beginning in January 2011, in order to:

1. Identify common areas for collaboration in order to maximize each district’s resources,
2. Develop an outline of how ETSD and CCSU can create synergy, identifying specific areas for joint work,
3. Define the board actions necessary for progress in the identified areas to occur, and
4. Report back to the Executive Committee on the progress of these items on or before February 15, 2011.

The ultimate goal of the collaborative work is to implement a “compact” that defines actions and measurements that our districts will use to evaluate progress in areas of common interests. It is contemplated that this compact would take effect on or before December 31, 2011.”

Al Bombardier moved, and Andre Roy seconded the motion to adopt this purpose statement. The motion passed 9-0.

Judy DeNova stated the areas of collaboration would focus on:

- Growth where we work together
- Areas where one district does something and the other doesn’t
- Duplication of services

Roles/Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

The board reviewed an overview of the composition, duties, powers, and records of the CCSU Executive Committee.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of warrants, November 15 meeting minutes, a board resolution for a CCSU credit card, and a resolution related to insurance.

The resolution related to a CCSU credit card was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. The board asked if there will be a policy and procedure related to usage of a credit card. Administration answered in the affirmative.

Linda Waite-Simpson moved, and Andre Roy seconded the motion to approve the resolution for a CCSU credit card. The motion passed 9-0.

92 *David Riester moved, and Andre Roy seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The*
93 *motion passed 9-0.*

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95 **Future Agenda Items**

- 96 • VSBIT workshop/training
- 97 • Status of discussion with ETSD
- 98 • Board re-organization
- 99 • Approval of SU FY12 budget

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101 **Executive Session: Contracts and Contract Negotiations**

102 *Linda Waite-Simpson moved, and Allison Weinhagen seconded the motion to enter into*
103 *Executive Session to discuss contracts and contract negotiations. The motion passed 9-0.*

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105 The board entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

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107 The board adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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109 Minutes respectfully submitted by Jack Behlendorf, Board Clerk