

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Prudential Committee School Board Meeting
Park Street School
January 12, 2009
6:30 PM

Board Members Present: Linda Waite-Simpson, Brenda Dawson-Crocket, John Gazo, Dave Riester (6:47), Charlee Day.

Administrators Present: Mike Deweese, Judy Prince, Grant Geisler, Tom Bochanski, Bob Clifford, Gabrielle Smith, Bruce Murdough (7:00)

Others Present: Susan Voight, Tyler Scott.

Call to order: Linda Waite-Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

Visitors to be Heard:

N/A

Collective Bargaining

Mike DeWeese informed the Board that the process continues; the next meeting is January 13, 2009, with a proposal scheduled for January 28, 2009.

Schedule Tax Abatement Meeting

The Prudential Committee is required to schedule a Tax Abatement Meeting in February.

John Gazo moved to schedule the Tax Abatement Meeting before the regular board meeting at 6:00 PM on February 9, 2009. Brenda Dawson-Crocket seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 (Dave Riester not yet present).

CCSU Food Service Update

As requested by the Board following feedback from a PTO meeting at Hiawatha where, some parents expressed concerns with pre-packaged food products, CCSU Food Service Director, Bob Clifford presented an update on

food service. This presentation included recent and potential changes, new menu items and participation. Bob discussed the vision of Food Service and the positive relationship between good nutrition and student achievement. It was noted that both Hiawatha and Summit must have a 3-bay sink with a grease trap in order for them to have site-based cooking. Site-based cooking would allow for less packaged foods; however, there are both financial and spacial constraints at these schools. Renovations at both Hiawatha and Summit were discussed during the next agenda item.

Hiawatha Project Update

Addressing the Board's concern at the December meeting regarding the potential project at Hiawatha, particularly the small, office addition, Grant Geisler walked the board through the planning process that led to the project as currently scoped. Bruce Murdough, Tyler Scott (architect) and H.E.S. Principal Tom Bochanski all participated in this discussion as well. Hiawatha parent, Susan Vogel, noted that she was concerned about the timing and necessity of these renovations given the current economy. Linda Waite-Simpson explained that the finances for this project had already been factored into the current budget and is a part of the Capital Plan, which is not part of the community's taxes. A reworked plan was presented. The Board gave consensus to move forward with this project.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2008 and December 8, 2008.
- Approve Warrants.
- Announce decrease Tuition Rate for 2009-2010
- Leave of Absence.
- Donation.

Charlee Day moved to approve the consent agenda items. Brenda Dawson-Crocket seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Future Agenda items:

- Update on the breakfast and lunch schedule.
- Budget.
- Collective Bargaining.

Brenda Dawson-Crocket motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining. Dave Riester seconded this motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Time entered into Executive Session: 8:41 PM.

Time exited Executive Session: 9:05 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlee Day

Clerk of the Prudential Committee