

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
EHS Library
January 19, 2009**

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

Administrators Present: Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Grant Geiseler, Rob Reardon, Ed Hockenbury, Leo Laonte, Kathy Barron

Others present: Doug Dunbebin, John Maddalena, Rich Celia, Brent Farnham, Pam Miller

Jeff Culkin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Visitors to be Heard:

Doug Dunbebin (Community Relations Associate from RETN – cable channel 16) notified the board that RETN is currently working on negotiating a contract with Comcast. Currently, there are issues in the negotiations and he urged school board members to take a brief survey on-line to communicate how they rate RETNs services.

There were four speakers regarding food service at skating facility:

- John Maddalena expressed disappointment with the closure of the rink café during hockey events.
- Rich Celia presented the board with a petition (with approximately 400 signatures). The board heard concerns around the lack of food at the skating facility.
- Brent Farnham noted that, historically, the rink concession has been an opportunity for students to work. Parents at youth hockey are typically getting coffee and passing it out to visiting team.
- Pam Miller, a parent of a girl's hockey player, said the concessions are useful for visiting teams and parents interested in running it. She noted the lack of a concession is embarrassing for the hockey community and that they are just hoping for the basics. Other sports seem to have concessions available. She noted that she didn't hear back from email to food service director.

Ed Hockenbury (athletic director) and Noel Boutin (rink manager) are the best school-based connections for this issue. Ed can also serve as a connection for boosters. There was discussion about contacting outside vendors (such as the New York Pizza Oven). There is pride in being gracious host and some feel it has been embarrassing, especially since there are four flatscreen TVs and no concessions.

Principal's and Director's Reports:

- The CTE report was postponed.
- Essex High School Principal's Report. Principal Rob Reardon presented the high school 3-5 year vision:

- Research/background; the preK-grade 12 continuity highlighted. Research included information from:
 - o VT 21st-Century High School; VT Department of Education workshop (comprehensive and helpful)
 - o VT Department of Education transformation - setting the context (what, why, where are we going)
 - Standards-driven, global and technology, 21st-century skills
 - Declining perceptions from students regarding meaningful, interesting, important in life.
 - o Youth summit at UVM (2008) attended by Rob Reardon and EHS students
 - Prevailing theme: desire to see how things connect and relevance
- Implement 21st-century learning: consisting of six main pillars
- Partnerships to enhance learning 24/7 (such as senior projects, etc.)
- Digital opportunities: include online courses, virtual H.S. (global), podcasting, creating videos
- Global learning communities
- Career Academy Models: 9-10 core courses, 11-12 Academy based on interest (i.e. science/math/tech.); more personalized learning and more rigor.

Vision = Continuous Improvement, Shared Vision (with the Board's help)

The vision was shared with Faculty Jan 5th and constructive feedback coming in.

Information will be included in the principal's report at least every other month.

Craig Smith asked how change will be addressed. Rob Reardon noted that with research-based material and maintaining a focus on best for kids will diffuse some resistant, even though resistance may evident.

Jeff Culkin asked what key metrics go with this vision statement. Communication of this vision is critical. It was noted that key stakeholders include department chairs, the school improvement committee, and core groups of students.

How will student achievement be measured? Is the "right" number of students heading to post-secondary education? This will be reviewed at a future session.

Al Bombardier asked if a pilot has been considered. Yes! The Board will hear more in April. A recurring theme has been the lack of funding to execute plans.

G Miller asked what student involvement entailed. At the youth summit, not all were high-achieving kids, worked to really give and take between all students. There is a plan for cross-section here.

Collective Bargaining

Mike Dewese noted that there is a meeting on January 21 to establish ground rules. There will be a meeting on January 28 for teacher proposals.

Athletic Training

Ed Hockenbury and Leo LaBonte provided information on athletic training. Injuries are mostly due to games and training regimen, and ill-prepared students that can lead to financial liabilities.

Ed Hockenbury discussed coach preparation. All high school coaches must complete a certification process consisting of the fundamentals of coaching and first aid. CPR is not required. There is a solid foundation provided for coaching, and coaches regularly attend clinics on their own. Boosters are also supportive with money.

Are athletes prepared? The feeling from athletic trainers is that we're in good shape.

Leo LaBonte noted that EHS is the site for UVM training. Most home games are covered. He feels coverage is adequate, though it could be improved. He noted not everything is treated but there are times when a student is referred out (for time and resource reasons). Injury prevention is also key.

The Athletic Emergency Action Plan was handed out to board members. The standardized head injuries assessment tool (SCAT card) was noted. Policy has been adjusted so Leo LaBonte has the final say on a student's return to play post head injury.

Jack Behlendorf asked how equipment was maintained. For example: football gear reconditioned (certified co.) to national standards. This is done for all contact sports.

Warrants

Kathy Barron (Director of Finance) was present to answer questions from board regarding the warrants process. The previous report will be included next time and Board will give feedback.

Al Bombardier asked about the status of the audits. Kathy Barron said there were no findings and the new rules seem constant. There will be a presentation about the audits next month.

Budget work session

Grant Geisler provided a summary of the three budgets for FY2010.

Al Bombardier moved and Craig Smith seconded the motion to adopt the EHS budget of \$22087581 for FY2010.

Discussion: Al Bombardier asked if we can refinance the bond rate for savings. Grant Geisler will loop back to answer this question.

The motion passed 6-0.

Jack Behlendorf moved and G Miller seconded the motion to adopt the CTE budget of \$8200319 for FY2010. The motion passed 6-0.

Painted Presentation

There was consensus on adopting some type of “painted” presentation format to be used for future presentations.

Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda consisted of approval of: warrants, December 8 meeting minutes, January 8 meeting minutes, the 2009-2010 tuition rate, a request for a leave of absence, a graduation policy waiver, and a residency waiver.

Al Bombardier moved and Tim Kemerer seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

Future agenda items:

- Budget Communication
- NECAP update
- School Choice contract
- CPCI updates
- Key metrics/strategy
- Rink Café (comeback from Admin.)

Adjourn

The board adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Kemerer, Clerk