

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 **CCSU School Board**
3 **Park Street School**
4 **Monday, January 26, 2009**

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6 *Minutes*
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8 **Board Members Present:** G Miller, Andre Roy, Beth Lane, Martha Heath, Al Bombardier, Jeff
9 Culkin, Linda Waite-Simpson

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11 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese

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13 **Others Present:** Doug Dunbebin (RETN Community Relations Associate), Cindy Remy (RETN
14 Board Member), John Gazo

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16 Linda Waite-Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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18 **Citizens to be Heard**

19 Doug Dunbebin provided the board with an update around the RETN/Comcast contract negotiations.
20 Comcast is seeking to suspend their contract with RETN. Currently, Comcast and RETN are working
21 with the Vermont Public Service Board to help reach a resolution. RETN has served their community
22 for over 17 years. Doug Dunbebin and Cindy Remy encouraged the board members and the
23 community to visit www.retn.org to complete a brief (one to five-minute) survey about services
24 provided by RETN.

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26 **Budget Communications**

27 The board discussed the tri-fold informational pamphlet. The Union #46 School Board and the
28 Prudential Committee will collaborate around the content of the pamphlet. Westford residents have
29 their Annual Report mailed to every home. Martha Heath has included budget information in this
30 report and has mailed information to the "Mountain Gazette."

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32 Mike Deweese distributed a copy of the letter from the VT School Boards Association (VSBA)
33 Executive Director John Nelson stating reactions to the recommendations of Governor Douglas.

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35 **"Painted" Presentation**

36 The "Painted" Presentation is a "take away" from the common educational presentation at the
37 December board meeting by Tim Kemerer. This template establishes a standard for presentations and
38 is being offered by the Communications Committee. The "Painted" Presentation format has been
39 adopted by the Union #46 School Board for use.

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41 The "Painted" Presentation will be made available in advance of each board meeting. Approximately
42 five-minutes of each presentation during board meetings will be reserved for questions and comments.

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44 **Food Service Position Papers**

45 CCSU Food Service Director Bob Clifford has been collaborating with the Burlington Food Service
46 Director to purchase food in bulk with 60 other school communities. This has saved approximately
47 \$300,000 per year for participating communities. Bob Clifford has drafted a position paper on
48 incorporating the cost of school meals into the General State Support Grant. Mike Deweese feels this

49 idea has merit, but may be untimely due to the recent announcements by Governor Douglas. The
50 CCSU Board agreed to table the position papers until a future date.

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52 The second proposal from Bob Clifford is to restructure the inefficiencies within the USDA Federal
53 Commodity Program, with particular focus on Vermont commodities to enhance the local economy.

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55 *Martha Heath moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to send a letter to the Vermont*
56 *Congressional Delegation to propose restructuring the USDA Commodity Program, as outlined by*
57 *Bob Clifford and Burlington Food Service Director Doug Davis. The motion passed 7-0.*

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59 **Policy Governance**

60 Mike Dewese introduced a board resource by Miriam Carver that is used by Laura Soares (at the
61 VSBA Annual Meeting).

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63 The Board undertook an exercise in policy governance for approximately 30 minutes, using the sample
64 board policy manual derived from Carver's book.

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66 **Consent Agenda**

67 The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of the following items: November 24 meeting minutes,
68 warrants, Policy JEB: Entrance Requirements (final approval), contract authorization.

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70 *Martha Heath moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The*
71 *motion passed 7-0.*

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73 **Future Agenda Items**

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- 75 • Board re-organization
 - 76 • Budget adoption
 - 77 • Policy governance
 - 78 • Food Service position papers

79 The board adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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81 Respectfully submitted by Jeff Culkin, Board Clerk