

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**  
2 **Prudential Committee**  
3 **Monday, June 21, 2010**  
4 ***Minutes***  
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6 Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Linda Waite-Simpson.  
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8 **Board Members Present:** Charlie Day, John Gazo, Linda Waite-Simpson, and Michael Smith  
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10 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese joined the meeting @8:56 pm  
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12 **Other individuals present:** None  
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14 **Baseball Field Conversion (7:36 pm):** Grant Geisler and Brad Luck provided an update on the  
15 conversion of the lighted baseball field at Maple Street Park. After a Rec Advisory Meeting, in which  
16 approximately 75 people were in attendance, they have decided to not continue with the conversion  
17 of the Baseball Field to a multi-purpose field. Linda asked if we needed to clarify jurisdiction  
18 (responsibility). Grant responded that since the modifications that were being proposed initially were  
19 minor (remove the pitching mound) that would fall under PC jurisdiction. But if the lights were to be  
20 moved, for example, they would need to get approval from the trustees.  
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22 **School Action Plans (7:55 pm):** Tom Bochanski, principal at Hiawatha spoke first. He displayed  
23 Hiawatha's NECAP testing results for the last 6 years and gave goals for the next testing year. He also  
24 laid out the schools action plans toward meeting those goals, including: implementing a positive  
25 learning team to support a positive learning environment.  
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27 Mary Hughes, principal at Summit Street School spoke next. She displayed Summit Street's NECAP  
28 testing results for the last 3 years and gave expected results for the next testing year. She also laid out  
29 the school's action plans toward meeting those expectations, including: Continuing to have  
30 community forums to discuss plans, expectations and outcomes; Responsive classroom approach to  
31 ensure safe, healthy student centered learning.  
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33 Dan Ryan, principal at Fleming School spoke next. He displayed Fleming's NECAP test results for the  
34 last 5 years and gave targets for the next testing year. He also laid out the school's action plans toward  
35 meeting those targets. Some plans include: Constructive responses to questions are weak and they  
36 are going to be targeting that area.  
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38 Laurie Singer, principal at Albert D. Lawton (ADL) spoke last. She displayed ADL's NECAP testing results  
39 for the past 5 years with target values for the next year. She presented the school's action plan to  
40 meet those goals. ADL plans to increase proficiency in writing and science, use team meetings to  
41 discuss concepts across the curriculum with a special emphasis on using math terms in conversation.  
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43 At each school there was a recognition of the significant increase in the number of students taking part  
44 in the Free and Reduced Lunch program (FRL). These students had a marked decrease in performance  
45 scores in all areas tested.

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47 **Principal's Report** (8:57 pm): Mike D. presented a suggested layout of the topics principals should  
48 cover when giving a report to the board. After discussion with the sitting principals and the available  
49 board members, it was decided that on any topic, only comment if there is something to mention.  
50 Initiatives and pending changes seemed to be the topic that was most important.

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52 **Summit Street Playground Project** (9:09 pm): Mary Hughes, principal of Summit Street School,  
53 presented the board with a proposed change to the current playground. The playground at Summit  
54 Street School would be converted into a natural playground. The board was presented with data on  
55 the age of the current play-system as well as estimates of cost to replace and maintain the current  
56 playground. Based on efforts by the Summit Street PTO playground committee, she felt that they were  
57 ready to proceed with the next step in building the new playground. Current funds raised and grants  
58 were sufficient to cover the cost of a Natural Playground design (\$14,750). A motion was made by  
59 Michael Smith and seconded by Charlie Day to endorse Mary Hughes to enter into a contract with  
60 Natural Playgrounds Company, Concord, NH for the purposes of delivering design documents for the a  
61 natural playground to be constructed at Summit Street School. Motion passed 4-0.

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63 **Communications Team Work** (9:51 pm): Michael Smith discussed the calendar of the communication  
64 events and opportunities for the upcoming year. It was stressed that the Board and community need  
65 to have several interactions prior to the announcement of any budget proposal.

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67 **Summer Board Work Session** (10:00 pm): After discussion, it was decided to have Cindy Remy send  
68 out a new meeting wizard for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August to schedule the work session.

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70 **Consent Agenda** (10:12 pm): Charlie Day moved and Michael Smith seconded a motion to Approve  
71 Warrants, Approve 10 May 2010 meeting minutes, Approve Recommendations for Professional  
72 Appointments, Approve ESJD Clerk, and Approve Tax Anticipation Note Bid Approval. Motion passed  
73 4-0.

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75 **Future Agenda Items** (10:15 pm): Communications Plan Update, Schedule a meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5  
76 pm to set tax rate. Next meeting scheduled for 23 Aug 2010.

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78 **Meeting re-cap** (10:17 pm): Michael Smith recapped the events and topics from tonight's meeting.

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80 **Adjournment:** The board adjourned at 10:18 pm.

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82 Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Smith