

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union  
Union #46 School Board Meeting  
March 21, 2011, 6:30 P.M.  
EHS Library - 2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction**

**Board Members Present:** Jack Behlendorf, Lezlee Sprenger, Al Bombardier,  
Brian Donahue, Ryan McLaren (arrived at 6:48 PM)

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Michael Deweese, Judith DeNova, Rob Reardon,  
Kathy Finck, Grant Geisler

Jack Behlendorf, Chair, called the meeting to order at: 6:34 PM.

**Visitors and Staff to be heard:** None.

**Principal Reports:**

EHS: Rob Reardon

- As a part of EHS transformation process Interviews for the “Learning Community Leader” positions have been completed and “Curriculum Content Leader” interviews are scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks.
- Fall NECAP results have been received. Results will be presented at the April Board meeting.
- Both Parent/Teacher conferences and EHS Fine Arts night were successful events.
- The “Vermont Academy of Science and Technology” has recognized Mr. Joe Chase for his outstanding Science/teaching contributions to EHS students. Congratulations Joe.
- JROTC is actively preparing for an upcoming National drill completion.

CTE: Kathy Finck

- The Robotics team took second place in a competitive field of fourteen (14) teams from seven (7) states. Congratulations.
- Six local employers have joined with CTE in agreeing to form a partnership that incorporates “mutually beneficial promotional activities” into future (media) related plans.
- Thus far, CTE has received over four hundred (400) student applications. Step-up-day planning activities are in progress.
- Staff and Students are preparing for a trip to China. The team will visit with teachers/Administrators as a part of the “Host School Exchange Program”. Visits to both Beijing and Lunnan Provinces are included in the April 16-26 itinerary.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:**

Collective bargaining with the teacher union/NEA will continue next week. Support staff negotiations are TBD.

**FY 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

The board has reviewed/approved the "Annual Meeting" presentation.

**COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES:**

It was agreed that:

- The District-wide Tri-fold will be mailed to all residents.
- Budget information will be internet available via the "Front Porch Forum" and on the CCSU Website.
- Jack agreed to provide the Press media with a Budget informational article.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION TO GEORGIA STUDENTS:**

After discussion:

*Al made the motion that the administration should proceed with providing bus transportation for Georgia area students.*

*Seconded by Brian.*

*Motion passed 5:0.*

**SCHOOL FY 2012 CALENDAR:**

*After discussion there was consensus to approve the proposed FY 2012 school calendar. Thanks Judy.*

**ANNUAL STAFF RECOGNITION EVENT:**

Jack reported that there an on-going E-mail exchange with students to determine the feasibility of a joint Student/Board Staff Recognition event. This is a continuing work-in-progress.

**Board recommendations on Inter-District School closings:**

Al suggested that a mutual aid agreement between the ET/EJ Public Service Departments could be a valuable Public Service benefit especially during extended snow days and or other Public service emergency situations.

A workable agreement could potentially help minimize the loss of class time and impacts on Essex Junction, Essex Town and external sending District families.

Mike concluded that given the magnitude of the snow impact In the EJ community that school closure was the best alternative for insuring EJ student safety.

**Board’s Definition/Statement of Purpose regarding “Sustainability”:**

Lezlee agreed to continue working with and collecting student ideas/suggestions. Board consensus was to remand “Sustainability” to the Policy Committee.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approve Warrants.
- Approve February 7, 2011 meeting minutes.
- Accept resignations.
- Approve requests for leave of absence.
- Approve Reductions-in-Force.

*Al made the motion to delete “Approve Reductions-in Force”.*

*Seconded by Ryan.*

*Motion passed 5:0.*

Lezee requested a request for leave of absence be pulled.

*Ryan made the motion to approve the modified consent agenda.*

*Seconded by Jack.*

*Motion passed 5:0.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Brian reviewed upcoming agenda items:

April:

- Board Re-organization
- NECAP results
- Annual review
- Review School targets/metrics
- Retreat planning
- Follow-up – Sustainability, etc.
- Joint meeting with CCSU members

May

- Professional Development

**MEETING RECAP:**

Al recapped the meeting highlights.

**Executive Session: Personnel Matter**

*At 9:45 PM Lezlee made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.*

*Seconded by Al.*

*Motion passed 5:0.*

The Board exited executive session at 10:45 PM.

*Ryan made the motion to approve a request for a Leave of Absence.*

*Seconded by Jack.*

*Motion passed 5:0*

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Al Bombardier,  
Clerk Union # 46 School Board