

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
March 23, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Essex High School Library
2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction**

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

Administrators Present: Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Rob Reardon, Kathy Finck

Others Present: Shannon Edmunds (CTE Student), Jeremy Audette (CTE Student), Lynn Vera

Jeff Culkin called the meeting to order at: 7:00 p.m.

Visitors to be Heard

Lynn Vera spoke to thank the board for college connections to earn college credit while still in HS. Brochures were provided regarding Dual enrollment (tech. center) options. Sixty-five CTE students are doing some kind of dual enroll this semester. Twenty-seven students are taking introduction to college studies. There is support for every high school student to take at least one college class before leaving high school.

Shannon Edmunds will end up collecting 19 credits which will transfer to Johnson State College. Jeremy Audette is taking courses at CCV, VTC, UVM (work-study), with 14 credits completed to take to VTC. He noted the confidence boost from going down to college campuses was the biggest benefit.

Principal's and Director's Reports

CTE:

- A land donation is in the review process; Kathy Finck will update with more details as available.
- VYCC joint project under development. There are multiple program opportunities. CTE is looking for state and federal funding to facilitate.
- Enrollment projections: This October there were 430 students and in April there were 420 students. Applications up 5-10% over last year. There were 540 applications (90 pre-tech for 64 seats). Total enrollment is every seat/every program would be 500 + adults)
- Taft St. development: land exchange is complete and permits are in place. There is an upcoming community meeting for the next house at #17
- Transformation: VYCC programs, Asian studies (2 additional college courses), curriculum updates reformatting pre-tech program for 21st century coming in May.
- There was a short discussion regarding timeline of scores and action planning. How do we evaluate actions across this 3 year timeline to maintain continuous improvement?

HS:

- Survey on vision, faculty results
 - Three questions:
 - Prioritize the 5 points highlighted in January:
 - 21st –century framework
 - Partnerships
 - 24/7 learning
 - Digital
 - Most familiar items
 - What should be included? Common themes: interpersonal skills, civic social skills and behavior; don't assume maintain high standards (state it)
 - Showing students appropriate use of technology and consequences for inappropriate use.
 - Board survey coming
 - Meeting with students coming
- Pilot model coming in Visual and Performing arts...
- Possibility for consultants when get to implementation phase; good contacts from Ed Comm. and peers
- Visit to New tech. high school.
- Questions from board
 - What are the take aways? What were obstacles, etc? Governance of the school?
- NECAP: ongoing work on Math, much work to do with incoming students
- 120 took Algebra as 8th grade students. It is critical to define ownership as items are identified back in the middle schools.
- FRL comparison with neighboring schools.
- Siemens award/letter from Gov. Douglas. Rob Reardon will write a press release.
- For writing: there is a need for school-wide writing rubric across depts.

Collective Bargaining

Talks in progress.

Committee Reports

WIB update from G Miller. This is a regional board providing infrastructure for trainers in workforce. CTE also has representative. Information regarding the Reinventing Yourself workshop can be found at lakechamplainwib.org.

VSBA policy governance support. Most seminars will now be online in 8-10 minute segments at vtvsba.org.

Preview 2009-2010 School Calendars

The board reviewed the draft 2009-2010 school calendars. They will be adopted at the April, 2009 meeting.

FY'10 Budget Communications

The Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. The budget vote is April 14. Kevin Dorn is the meeting moderator. The Annual report is available March 30.

Need future attempts to include town tax rate information. The Communications Team is working on a survey that will be distributed on April 14 as an exit poll.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of the following: warrants, Feb. 16 meeting minutes, Feb. 26 meeting minutes, donation, resignation, reductions-in-force, release from contract, requests for leaves of absence, and adoption of an RETN resolution.

G Miller: Pulled the RETN resolution.

Al Bombardier moved and Craig Smith seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

RETN resolution: Discussion that stronger wording in the resolution might be good. The board added language to separate RETN from Comcast:

***“Be it resolved that the Union #46 School Board appreciates and supports the work of RETN Channel 16 and its valuable contributions to students, our learning community, and our school board by providing public television access, enhancing democracy through transparency of government, and creating educational opportunities for students. We believe a local, independent organization promotes better communication with our communities.*”**

Motion to approve resolution as amended above by Al Bombardier, seconded by Craig Smith. Passed 5-0.

Future Agenda Items

- Ends policy from ETSD
- Ongoing NECAP action updates
- Teacher Evaluations (changes)
- FRL initiatives
- Communications, ETSD common goals ongoing discussion needed.
- Jeff Culkin to reach out to Brendan K.
- Green team in April

- Review of 08-09 CPCI EHS and CTE
- CTE comeback on

Meeting Recap

Adjourn

The board adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Kemerer, Clerk