

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 **Prudential Committee**
3 **Monday, May 10, 2010**
4 *Minutes*
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6 Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Linda Waite-Simpson
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8 **Board Members Present:** Charlee Day, John Gazo, David Reister, Linda Waite-Simpson, and Michael
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11 **Administrators Present:** Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, and Grant Geisler
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13 **Other individuals present:** Brad Luck, Harlan Smith, Wendy Johnson, Nan Paysin, Mark Brislin, Lefty
14 Gillette, Mark McDowell, Jason Starr, Fred DuFresne, Scott Godin, Jeff Goodrich, Andrew Goodrich, Cindy
15 Godin, George Dunbar, Gary Jurkiewicz, Dan Meskill, Ken Fontaine
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17 **Citizens to be heard (6:36 pm):** Gary Jurkiewicz, Mark McDowell, Cindy Godin, Scott Godin, Fred
18 DeFresne, Lefty Gillette, George Dunbar, Dan Meskill, Ken Fontaine, and Brad Luck.
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20 These citizens were present to discuss the recommendation to convert the Little League Field to a multi-
21 purpose athletic field. The board recommended the issue to the Recreation Advisory Council, and asked that
22 they hold a public forum on the field issue and make a recommendation to the Prudential Committee at a
23 future meeting. Until that time, all efforts to convert the field will be on hold.
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25 **Legislative Update (7:15 pm):** Linda gave an update that the current legislative session had not adjourned
26 as of the PC meeting. The board briefly discussed the “Challenges for Change”. They also discussed targets
27 and mandates for school districts and that the Prudential Committee was likely to need to cut \$300K from its
28 2012 budget. Still trying to get an \$.86 vs \$.88 tax rate. Essex Junction and Essex Town school boards may
29 want to discuss the possibility of reviving the school district consolidation work from a few years ago. The
30 board should take action on this at a future meeting. The board discussed the ramifications of changes for
31 school of choice communities.
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33 **Employee Recognition (7:22 pm):** Mike spoke about retiring educators. Teacher recognition was last
34 week. High School board is looking at recognizing teacher at end of year.
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36 Past boards have given fruit baskets to teachers and Golden Apples to retiring teachers. John asked if it were
37 possible to engrave the Golden Apples. Mike will send a .jpeg of the apple and base. Proposed that board
38 members go to staff meetings to present retiring teachers with gift cards and their Golden Apple.
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40 **Set Monthly Meetings (7:29):** Board has tentatively moved the December meeting to November 9th. In
41 September, board members should do an outreach at the various open houses. Members are to look at what
42 board development they would like to do in July.
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44 Dave Reister moved and John Gazo seconded to approve all upcoming monthly meeting except for the
45 change of December meeting to November. Motion passed 5-0.
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47 **Long-Term Agenda Planning (7:38):** Reviewed the various ways principals can give reports (as laid out in
48 org notes). Mike asked that board members think about the question “What does the board want to hear

49 about from principals?" Discussed having principals attend a meeting twice a year. Mike and Judy would
50 draft a template of topics to cover by principals at the meetings.

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52 **Consent Agenda (7:56):** Charlee Day moved and Dave Reister seconded a motion to Approve Warrants,
53 Approve 14 April 2010 meeting minutes, Recognize Retirement, Approve Recommendations for
54 Professional Appointments, Approve Park Street school work site bid, approve Summit Street kitchen bid,
55 approve ADL hallway lockers bid, and Approve resolution for the Healthcare Reimbursement Arrangement
56 (HRA). Motion passed 5-0.

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58 Judy DeNova spoke about the structural changes in teaming at Fleming school.

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60 **Future Agenda Items (8:10):** Baseball fields, principal reports, meeting dates, action plans, VTSU
61 development, and July dates for board member development.

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63 **Meeting re-cap (8:20):** Reminder about 25 May at Hiawatha school.

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65 **Executive Session:** A motion was made by John Gazo and seconded by Dave Reister to move into
66 executive session. The motion passed 5-0. The board moved into executive session at 8:21. The board
67 exited executive session at 9:30.

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69 A was made by Charlee Day and seconded by Dave Reister to deny the request of residency waiver but to
70 offer an accommodation. The motion passed 5-0.

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72 Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Smith