

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union Board  
Park Street School  
51 Park Street, Essex Junction

**6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

## **Minutes**

Board members attending: G Miller, Linda Waite-Simpson, Tim Kemerer, Andre Roy, Al Bombardier, Martha Heath

Linda Waite-Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Board members were introduced.

### **Annual Reorganization:**

Al Bombardier moved to nominate G Miller as Board Chair. Motion seconded by Andre. Motion passed 6-0.

Al Bombardier moved to nominate Martha Heath as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Andre Roy. Motion passed 6-0.

Martha Heath moved to nominate Linda Waite-Simpson as Clerk. Motion seconded by Tim Kemerer. Motion passed 6-0.

Al Bombardier moved to authorize bonding of required individuals. Motion seconded by Martha Heath. Motion passed 6-0.

Martha Heath moved to authorize the superintendent to accept grants. Motion seconded by Andre Roy. Motion passed 6-0.

Al Bombardier moved to authorize payment of warrants upon presentation. Motion seconded by Tim Kemerer. Motion passed 6-0.

Martha Heath moved to appoint Wells, Haug and Leopold as board legal counsel. Motion seconded by Al Bombardier. Motion passed 6-0.

Linda Waite-Simpson moved to authorize the Chair to appoint members to committees. Motion seconded by Martha Heath. Motion passed 6-0.

Martha Heath moved to authorize the Clerk to sign warrants on behalf of the board. Motion seconded by Al Bombardier. Motion passed 6-0.

Linda Waite-Simpson moved to assert the newspaper of record as the Burlington Free Press. Motion seconded by Martha Heath. Motion passed 6-0.

**There were no visitors to be heard.**

### **Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) Presentation:**

Scott Mosher and Jane Goodman provided the annual update to the supervisory union board. The program design is fully self-sustaining and provides added value to other SU programs. The program allows us to explore 21<sup>st</sup> century innovation in attracting, developing, retaining, and supporting high quality educators.

Andre Roy asked about hiring TAPS candidates – are they considered just like other candidates? Yes.

Martha Heath asked about the ability to certify teachers and Scott reported that in order to do that, the program would have to become separate and have its own board to go through the Department of Education program certification. The process and expense are very high and the peer review seems to be working very well. They are expanding this idea to other areas of the state by advertising and also, the longevity of the program with placements occurring statewide helps to communicate about the program.

Al Bombardier asked about differentiated instruction, integrated curriculum, universal classroom and how TAP addresses some of these trainings? Scott reported that TAP candidates do not have as much educational baggage. The real danger is training in these progressive methodologies and then placing them in schools that are not progressive where they are likely to be unhappy with the lack of challenge.

G Miller asked about the average age. Scott reported that 33 is average but some are right out of college and some are 55-56. They have trained over 200 students.

Martha Heath asked if some decide that teaching isn't right for them. Scott reported that some do, but not many. Early screening helps to keep successful candidates in the program.

### **Policy Governance**

The board continued with another exercise exploring a board scenario under the construct of a policy governance environment. The board discussed next steps and expressed the following:

1. The board is interested in local agendas and what they might look like under policy governance.
2. The board is interested in checking with other school districts that have adopted policy governance – specifically regarding what accountability reports look like.
3. The board would like to assess the current state of CCSU – what is good, what's not.
4. The board would like to understand the legal implications of endorsing policy governance – what in Title 16 is in conflict with policy governance.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Al Bombardier asked that the Technology Plan be pulled for discussion.

Linda Waite-Simpson asked that the budget be pulled for discussion.

Martha Heath made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

Approve warrants

Approve meeting minutes of January 26, 2009

Approve authorization for placement

Authorize SU Board Chair to execute real estate agreement

Adopt RETN Resolution.

Motion seconded by Al Bombardier. Motion passed 6-0.

Al Bombardier asked about the Technology Plan and whether we were due to receive the entire E-rate this year. Vince Gonillo reported that we are on track for the E-rate funds. He also reported that a '5<sup>th</sup> goal' was missing in the report and that he will have it corrected to read 'self-review of the technology plan.' Linda Waite-Simpson moved to accept the Technology Plan. Motion seconded by Martha Heath. Motion passed 6-0.

Linda Waite-Simpson noted that FY'11 increases in the state payment per equalized pupil will likely be flat for FY'11 which will cause any budget increase to result in larger tax rate increases and asked that administration be particularly sensitive to this as they begin crafting the FY'11 budget.

Martha Heath moved to go into executive session to discuss contracts and negotiations at 8:35PM. Motion seconded by Andre Roy. Motion passed 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 8:50PM with no action required.

Martha Heath moved to approve the FY'10 supervisory union budget as presented to

the board in January 2009. Al Bombardier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Al Bombardier asked about discussing the CPCI document. Tim Kemerer would like to discuss the document that the supervisory union board is responsible for, specifically, the role of the supervisory union and who is responsible for student assessments, etc.

The supervisory union annual agenda will also be discussed.

The board adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Waite-Simpson  
Clerk, CCSU