

1 **Chittenden Central Supervisory Union**
2 **CCSU School Board**
3 **Park Street School**
4 **November 30, 2009**

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6 *Minutes*
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8 **Board Members Present:** G Miller, Andre Roy, Dave Riester, John Gazo, Tim Kemerer, Al
9 Bombardier, Martha Heath, Linda Waite-Simpson, Marilyn McConnell (by conference call)

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11 **Administrators Present:** Grant Geisler, Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova

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13 **Others Present:** None

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15 G Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

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17 **Visitors to be Heard:** None

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19 **FY'11 SU Budget** - Grant presented the revised SU budget to reflect a request by the executive board
20 to demonstrate the impact of a level funded or near level funded budget. Total new assessment is
21 down to a total 3.9% consisting of a .13% increase for U46; 2.80% increase for EJSD; and 2.07%
22 decrease for Westford. The EJSD assessment has increased due to the addition of recreation staff to
23 the apportionment used to calculate each district's assessment. EJSD will recover this assessment
24 increase in their local budget.

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26 Martha Heath moved and Andre Roy seconded that we tentatively adopt the CCSU 2010 budget of
27 \$3,190,635. Tim Kemerer asked about zero-based budgeting and also asked for an explanation of
28 how the central office is staffed. Martha added that it would be important to look at this data and
29 asked for it at a future meeting. Mike Deweese noted that much of this work would be part of a
30 strategic planning process (to be discussed later this meeting.) He also noted that there are two
31 questions here: what we *need* to run a school system and what we would *like* to run a school system.
32 Motion passed 9-0.

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34 **CCSU Supervisory Union Boundary Adjustment: Informing the Needs Assessment:** Local boards
35 must inform the needs assessment being performed by the VT DoE. Mike reviewed the legal issues
36 around the boundary changes as well as the VT DoE rules regarding changing supervisory union
37 boundaries. The Commissioner of Education has asked for a general response from the supervisory
38 union board. Mike Deweese recommended that each local board also give a general response to the
39 potential boundary change at the carousel meeting on December 7 (in Westford.) The board voted by
40 straw poll 5 against; 3 in favor and 1 abstention to support the change to the supervisory union
41 boundaries to include Essex Town School District at this time. Martha Heath moved that we inform
42 the Commissioner's needs assessment with a recommendation that the supervisory union boundaries
43 not be changed at this time. Tim Kemerer seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yeas and 2 nays (G
44 Miller and Linda Waite-Simpson voted against; Al Bombardier left the meeting due to illness.)

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46 **Strategic Planning Discussion** – Tabled until a future meeting.

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48 **Policy Governance Determination** – Local boards voted on this issue within the last month and board
49 members were asked to complete a survey. Westford voted 2 against and 2 in favor of policy

50 governance; U46 board voted 3 against and 3 in favor of policy governance; EJSD voted 3 in favor and
51 2 against policy governance. Martha favored tabling the discussion indefinitely due to the split votes
52 from local boards. Martha moved that we do not move forward with policy governance at this time.
53 John Gazo seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-2 (G Miller and Linda Waite-Simpson voted
54 against.)

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56 **Approve Policies at First Reading**

57 The CCSU Policy Sub-Committee brought the following policies forward for approval at first reading:

- 58 • E1: School Emergency and Safety
- 59 • E2: Building and Grounds Maintenance: **Under the ‘Vandalism’ section, line 5 of the first**
60 **paragraph, add the words ‘or guardian’ after the word ‘parent’**
- 61 • E3: Transportation
- 62 • E4: Food Services

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64 Martha moved and Dave Riester seconded the motion to approve policies E1, E2 with suggested
65 change noted above, E3, and E4 for first reading. The motion passed 8-0.

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67 *These policies will be brought forward to the CCSU Board at the next meeting for final approval.*

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69 **Consent Agenda**

70 The Consent Agenda included approval of: warrants, October 26 meeting minutes, and second (final)
71 approval of Policy H1: Collective Bargaining.

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73 Martha moved and Tim seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of warrants
74 and October 26 meeting minutes. The motion passed 8-0.

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76 Policy H1: Collective Bargaining pulled for discussion: G asked about clarifying the verbiage under
77 section 2, duties of chief negotiator. It was decided that the language is fine as written.

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79 Martha moved that we approve Policy H1: Collective Bargaining with no changes and Andre
80 seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

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82 **Future Agenda Items:** Personnel/staffing presentation; copy of the response to the Commissioner;
83 policies; strategic planning.

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85 **Executive Session: Contracts**

86 Andre moved and Dave seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of
87 discussing contracts. The motion passed 8-0.

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89 The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:45PM and exited Executive Session at 10:46.

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91 Martha moved and Andre seconded that we offer the superintendent a three year contract under the
92 terms that have been discussed in executive session and that we ask him to make a decision within 30
93 days of receiving a written contract. Motion passed 5-2 (John Gazo and Dave Riester voted against;
94 Marilyn McConnell left the meeting via conference call prior to the Executive Session.)

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96 **Adjourn**

97 The board adjourned at 10:48.

98 Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Waite-Simpson, Board Clerk