

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
Essex High School - Library
October 20, 2008**

Board Members Present: Jeff Culkin, Tim Kemerer, Jack Behlendorf, Al Bombardier, G Miller

Administrators Present: Mike Deweese, Judy DeNova, Rob Reardon, Kathy Finck, Linda Keating, Grant Geisler, Erin Maguire

Others Present: David Combs (Student Council representative), Bill LaWare, Charlie Burnett, Jason Webster

Jeff Culkin called the meeting to order at: 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session: Contract Matter

Jack Behlendorf moved and G Miller seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of a contract matter. The motion passed 5-0.

The board entered into Executive Session at 6:32 and exited Executive Session at 7:12.

Visitors to be Heard:

None present

Collective Bargaining:

Two master agreements expire June 30, 2009. The Board will be kept up to date as meetings take place.

Principal's and Director's Reports:

EHS:

- Science NECAP results. Department will use Nov 4 to further plan based on these results.
- Travel to Rutland, Burlington, North Country to further develop
- Fall NECAP tests just taken. New measures taken: Results to be added to transcripts plus an exemption from exams based on scores and GPA. Rob Reardon noted the differences in student work and dedication to the process based on significant amount of scrap paper used.
- Rob Reardon has been invited back to China for an exchange program; this is an opportunity to open up communication paths
- EHS is moving forward with the Virtual HS consortium.

CTE:

- The house completed at 37 Drury drive and will be on the market with one week.
- Six semester avg. data is growing at a rate of 6-7 percent FTE each year.

School demographic data was reviewed by the board. Action planning is directly related to the number of students (among other factors)

Student Government report:

- The Ed Gerety talk was well received. He focused on how to avoid peer pressure and regularly engaged the crowd. Al Bombardier suggested the parent/student handbook be made mandatory to review and he requested feedback from David Combs.

Social Studies Curriculum

Linda Keating reviewed the curriculum webpage.

- She also provided a Social Studies 7-11 Grade curriculum overview.
 - o Essex Town participated in Curriculum development so we are confident students are on same track when coming from EMS.
- Charlie Burnett, Jason Webster; Co-chairs Social Studies Department, also presented on the Social Studies Curriculum.
 - o Global History and AP US history; tasked to align better with core curriculum and develop assessment.
 - o American History: 1 overarching goal to facilitate getting students involved in US government as citizens. Build knowledge and skills as base for political participation.
- Economics and Personal Finance education are the next areas we could add to give students better start in adult lives.
- Working on building common assessment at the department level.

Jack Behlendorf moved and G Miller seconded the motion to approve SS curriculum. There was a discussion about board's role and what approval means, with additional discussion about assessment. Passed 5-0.

CCSU Board Meeting Debrief:

Quick review of feedback at CCSU meeting, will revisit at future CCSU meeting

Action Planning Timeline:

Update on demographics was done in Director's reports.

- The Special Education service plan was reviewed. This is a report due for state. Departments will use in budget formation.

Energy Efficiency Update:

The board was updated on the recent rebate from Efficiency Vermont.

Sustainability:

There was general discussion on the topic. The board is interested in this topic and will make this a future agenda topic. This topic may need to be made more comprehensive at the CCSU level.

FY'10 Budget Guidance:

Grant Geisler provided an overview of the FY'10 budget work to date. An overview was also done at the last CCSU meeting.

Budget Communication Planning:

The Board should funnel thoughts through the Building blocks team.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of: minutes from the Sept. 15, 2008 board meetings, warrants, State of VT Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, request for a leave of absence, and a truck bid.

G Miller moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Future Agenda Items:

- Admin to send Link to timeline for core assessments
- Safety incidents that drove Workman's comp items on budget
- Standards for Athletic trainers/coaches; related to Sports injuries
- Chair meeting w/ Essex Town
- Action planning timeline: review of supervision and eval. Curriculum update Math/Writing. Incl. AYP subgroup update, SES subgroup.
- Future separate facilitated meeting Re: Board/admin roles AND metrics and baselines
- Skilltech
- Continuation of Sustainability discussion

Executive Session: Student Matter, Labor Relations, Grievance

G Miller moved and Al Bombardier seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of a student matter, labor relations, and a grievance. The motion passed 5-0.

Board entered into Executive Session at 10:04 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 11:16 p.m.

Motion by Jack Behlendorf, seconded by Al Bombardier to waive policy regarding the student matter discussed in Executive Session. Passed 5-0.

Adjourn

The board adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Kemerer, Clerk