

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Union #46 School Board Meeting
September 21, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Essex High School – Library
2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction

Board Members Present: G Miller, Jack Behlendorf, Brian Donahue, Lezlee Sprenger

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

G Miller called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Executive Session: Student Matter

Jack Behlendorf moved and Lezlee Sprenger seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student matter. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

Jack Behlendorf moved and Lezlee Sprenger seconded the motion to recess. The motion passed 4-0.

The board reconvened at 6:37 in Open Session.

Visitors to be Heard

- Ge Wu – spoke to CAP legislation
- Lev Renca – spoke to Gun Security
- Sophie Zdatny – spoke to guns in school
- Lindsay Kearns (counselor) – spoke about Virtual HS
- Doug Horne (teacher) – spoke about Virtual HS
- Vy Cao (student) – spoke about Virtual HS

Principals' Reports

EHS Report: Rob Reardon presented his EHS Principal's Report. In it, he discussed recent SAT results: 67 percent of the senior class participated in the exam, and 81 percent of those students had taken the exam the previous two years. There was also an increase in the number of students participating in the ACT exam. Science NECAP results will be released later in September. He also provided the board with an update to the school's evacuation plan.

CTE Report: Kathy Finck presented her CTE Principal's Report.

Collective Bargaining

The current master agreements between the teachers and the board and support staff and the board expired June 30, 2009. The parties continue to negotiate.

VSBA Meeting Re-Cap

G Miller provided the board with a re-cap of the recent VSBA regional meeting. G Miller was elected as the Chittenden/Grand Isle Regional President. There was also discussion about budget communication strategies.

Virtual High School Presentation

Lindsey Kearns is the site coordinator for the Virtual High School. The board learned more about this progressive approach to expanding curricular offerings.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of: approving warrants, approving August 24 meeting minutes, accepting resignations, and approving recommendations for professional appointments.

Jack Behlendorf moved and Brian Donahue seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

Future Agenda Items

- A conversation with the Essex Town School Board
- An update on progress of the Arts Academy
- Discussion about the "Visitors to be Heard" portion of the agenda

Executive Session: Evaluation

Brian Donahue moved and Jack Behlendorf seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss an Evaluation. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judith DeNova