

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2015
6:30 P.M. @ NCSU CENTRAL OFFICE

PRESENT

Board Members:

Steve Mason, Chair, Lowell
Melanie Yasharian, Brighton
Pat Austin, Charleston
Rose Mary Mayhew, NCUHS
Wilma Therrien, Newport Town
Richard Cartee, NCUJHS
Scott Boskind, NCUJHS
Gigi Judd, Derby
Viola Poirier, Coventry
Sarah Hardin, Newport Town
Cliff Forster, Troy
Lincoln Petell, Holland
Katie Mientka, Brighton

Staff Members:

John A. Castle, Superintendent
Glenn Hankinson, Director of Finance
Leanne Desjardins, Director of Special Education
Richard Smith, Coordinator of Special Education
John Peters, Director of Technology
Kathy Nolan, Director of Curric., Assess. and Instruction
Liz Butterfield, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Mason at 6:30 p.m. The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called for agenda changes. There were none.

II. **Motion** to approve the Minutes of Nov. 19, 2015– (*Attachment A*) JUDD/BRUECK **APPROVED**

III. Superintendent's & Central Office Reports

Mr. Castle reviewed his report. He updated the Board on the Integrated Field Review pilot that NCSU and its schools are participating in in January; The Every Child Succeeds Act, which is replacing the No Child Left Behind Act; the request he has submitted to AOE for a waiver from the transportation centralization requirement; and the search for the Director of Learning Design.

IV. Business Operations & Finance Report

Action:

A. **Motion** to approve the November Financial Statement (*Hand Out*) BRUECK/AUSTIN **APPROVED**

B. **Motion** to approve the FY2017 Central Office Budget/Assessment.

John introduced the budget, stating that it is basically status quo, except for pay raises, per the negotiated agreement, and a shift in how we are paying for the Director of Technology.

FORSTER/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

C. **Motion** to approve the FY2017 Special Education Budget/Assessment.

John recapped the discussions and studies done leading up to the recommendation by the Executive Committee that Special Education costs be aggregated across all schools, explaining that Act 46 mandates centralization of Special Education. John stated that he does believe that centralization is the best way to deliver Special Education services to our students, even if we were not being compelled to do so. Leanne

and Richard distributed additional information that helps to explain the Special Education budget and the recommended assessment model, and Glenn provided additional explanations.

BRUECK/MAYHEW APPROVED

Information:

A. Update on Local District Budgets

John reiterated that he and Glenn will continue to work with the local boards on crafting their budgets and conducting budget meetings, leading up to Town Meeting Day.

V. VSBA Update – Frank Carbonneau

The VSBA recommends that board members contact their legislators, asking them to repeal the Act 46 caps or to place a 1-year moratorium on the spending caps.

The VSBA Website is being updated, the national conference is coming up in April in Boston, and there has been discussion concerning the legalization of marijuana. Jason and Scott asked that Frank communicate to the VSBA that Act 46 has had a very negative effect on our schools and that the VSBA did not look out for the low-spending schools, which is catastrophic for many of our NCSU schools.

VI. New or Unfinished Business

Information:

A. Update on NCSU Design for Learning:

John distributed the final version of the Commitments and Design for Learning, and expanded on what is happening in the SU in the areas specified by the Design for Learning, including the work of the committees and cadres. John is impressed with the Teacher Leaders that are emerging, and the development of Learning Targets in the schools. John encouraged the boards to host program presentations at their meetings, to hear how their schools are implementing the Design for Learning.

VII. Date of Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items:

Executive Committee: Jan. 21, 2016

VIII. **Motion** to enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. CARBONNEAU/AUSTIN

The Chair exited Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. There was no action taken.

IX. The Chair **adjourned** the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Butterfield
Recording Secretary

Meetings:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
NCSU Policy	Thursday	Jan. 21	5:30	NCSU A209
NCSU Exec. Com.	Thursday	Jan. 21	6:30	NCSU A209