

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Draft
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
AT 6:00 P.M. IN NCCC Assembly Room 380

PRESENT

School Board Members:

Steve Mason, Lowell
Scott Boskind, NCUJHS (Derby)
Louise Campbell, Holland
Melanie Yasharian, Brighton
Kelly Paul, Morgan
Kevin Amyot, Jay/Westfield
Wilma Therrien, Newport Town
Sarah Hardin, Newport Town
Richard Cartee, NCUJHS (Newport City)
Frank Carbonneau, Coventry
Katie Mientka, Brighton
Mary Ellen Prairie, Newport City
Jonathan Bruce, Charleston
Rose Mary Mayhew, NCUHS (Derby)
Jackie Young, NCUHS (Derby)
Viola Poirier, Coventry
Gigi Gobeil-Judd, Derby

Administrators and Staff:

John Castle, Superintendent
Kathy Nolan, Director of Curriculum, Assess. & Instr.
Leanne Desjardins, Director of Special Education
Richard Smith, Coordinator of Special Education
Diane Nichols-Fleming, ECP Coordinator
Eileen Illuzzi, NCCC Director
Bill Rivard, NCUHS Principal
Denise Russell, Brighton Principal
Sharon Gonyaw, Charleston Principal
Matthew Baughman, Coventry
Stacey Urbin, Derby Principal
Kelli Dean, Holland Principal
Anita Gagner, Lowell Principal
Wendy Meunier, Newport Town Principal
Lisa Boskind, NCSAP Director
Liz Butterfield, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by NCSU Board Chair Steve Mason, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and called for agenda changes. There were none. The chair then asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

II. **Motion** to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015 (*Attachment A*) BOSKIND/BRUECK **APPROVED**

III. Best & Next Practices for Learning Opportunities Across NCSU:

Superintendent John Castle showed a video by Sir Ken Robinson which asked, "What is the purpose of school?" John then introduced presenters Sherry Gentry, guidance counselor at Troy School, and Evan Gentler, middle school teacher at Charleston Elementary. The gathering was divided into two groups, one for each presenter, each group switching after 25 minutes. Evan presented on project based learning, while Sherry presented on personalized learning.

IV. Superintendent & Central Office Reports (*Attachment B*)

Mr. Castle highlighted some of the projects that the Leadership Team has been involved with, including: Continuum of Services; Feedback and Grading, including revision of report cards; Trimesters in K-8 schools, which he hopes will "de-emphasize the event of the report card"; and electronic portfolios. John shared that NCSU will be participating in a pilot of the VT AOE Integrated Field Reviews, which he described as "the next iteration of our accountability system." John thinks this is a good change, but could be cumbersome. It involves assembling a site team every three years, to make both qualitative and

quantitative evaluations. Under Act 46, maintaining an SU structure is dependent on meeting Education Quality Standards, which this process would ensure.

The Superintendent also mentioned the School Board Survey, which will be sent out in 3-4 weeks, in order to have the data for the Full Board meeting in December. Mr. Castle said the survey will generate good data for self-reflection.

V. Financial Report

Action:

A. August Financial Statement (*Handout*) None available.

Information:

A. FY2017 Budget Development Context & Considerations

John distributed a draft timeline for budget development. John and Leann Desjardins, Director of Special Education briefly discussed the fact that SpEd licensed staff will become SU employees next year, per Act 153. The state does not dictate how these costs are assessed. Glenn, Leanne and Richard Smith have been discussing three models that might be workable, and are looking for a sub committee of three or four Board members to study the options. They are hoping to present a first draft of the cost scenarios in October. Leanne distributed sign-up sheet.

VI. VSBA Update – Frank Carbonneau

Frank shared that VSBA Director Steve Dale has retired, and Nicole Mace, formerly the VSBA's legal counsel, has become director. An Act 46 Implementation Director has been hired by VSBA, to be paid from a \$250,000.00 grant from VSBIT. Frank encouraged Board members to attend the VSBA Regional meeting on September 29th at LSC, and/or the Annual VSBA meeting.

VII. New & Unfinished Business

Action:

A. **Motion** to approve the NCSU Commitments & Design for Learning (*Attachment COMMIT*)

BRUECK/PAUL **APPROVED**

B. **Motion** to Approve the Revised NCSU By-Laws & Act 46 Governance Considerations (*Attachment BY-LAWS*) Mr. Castle explained that these are the changes that have been studied for many months, and the most substantial change is in how Jay and Westfield will be treated. Jay and Westfield are each operating districts, who happen to share a school, so each will have the same representation as other NCSU operating districts. CARTEE/HARDIN **APPROVED**

C. **Motion** to adopt the following three (3) revised policies (*Attachment C*):

D.8 Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

D.11 Drug and Alcohol Testing

E.26 Tobacco Prohibition

CARTEE/POIRIER **APPROVED**

Mr. Castle gave an update of the current work of the Policy Committee, which is currently looking at Support Staff terms and conditions, which have substantial differences from school to school. Committee member Richard Cartee commented that a long process should be anticipated, and that it will take baby steps to reach equity for all Support Staff employees.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items: October 15

IX. **Motion** to enter Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. CARTEE/HARDIN **APPROVED**

A. Negotiations

B. Review/Approve Superintendent's Goals

The chair exited executive session at 8:48 p.m.

X. **Motion** to Adjourn at 8:49 p.m. CARTEE/ PRAIRIE

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Butterfield
Recording Secretary

<u>Meetings:</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
NCSU Policy Committee	Thursday	October 15	5:30 p.m.	NCSU A219
NCSU Executive Committee	Thursday	October 15	6:30 p.m.	NCSU A209
NCSU Policy Committee	Thursday	November 19	5:30 p.m.	NCSU A219
NCSU Executive Committee	Thursday	November 19	6:30 p.m.	NCSU A209
NCSU Full Board	Thursday	December 17	6:30 p.m.	NCSU A209