

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING Minutes - Draft
North Country Career Center, Room 380
January 20, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Present:

Board Members

Richard Cartee, Newport City
Marguerite Griffith, Newport City
Scott Boskind, Derby
George Swanson, Lowell
Corey Therrien, Newport City
Rose Mary Mayhew, Troy
Le-Ann Tetrault, Jay
David Yasharian, Brighton
Kristin Mason, Morgan
David Ghelli, Newport Town
Peter Moskovites, Charleston
Rick Geisel, Derby
Richard M. Nelson, Derby

Health Careers Students

Nick Perkins
Celina Patten
Audrey Brown
Kaitlin Rice
Travis Tetreault
Kendra Fecteau
Ashley Fauteux
Haley Kennedy
Madeline Ferorelli
Jared Hussey

Health Careers Instructors

Celine Champine, RN
Dr. Kathy Grey

JROTC Students

Scott Tinker
Jessica Patenaude
Devon Daggett

ROTC Instructor

Col (Ret) Keith Wooster

Staff

John A. Castle, Superintendent
Bill Rivard, NCUHS Principal
Eileen Illuzzi, NCCC Director
Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Dir. Of Business
Liz Butterfield, Exec. Asst. to the Supt.

Press

Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express
Robin Smith, Orleans County Record

I. The meeting was **Called to Order** by Chair Rose Mary Mayhew at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Mayhew led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called for Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda. There were none.

II. **Motion** to Approve the Minutes of December 16, 2014 (*Attachment A*) CARTEE/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

III. **Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens:** None

IV. Student Reports

A. **Health Careers Program presentation:** Each of the ten students who were present articulately shared their experiences in Health Careers 1 and Health Careers 2, as well as their plans for the future, including college and career choices. Some of the students described how their plans have changed because of what they have learned and experienced in the program. The students gave the Health Careers program high praise for helping them to find a meaningful career and life path and for all of the qualities that the program has instilled in them. The students and the teachers who accompanied them, Celine Champine, RN and Dr. Kathy Gray, received a hearty standing ovation from the Board.

B. **JROTC presentation:** Col (Ret) Keith Wooster, of the Junior ROTC program brought three of his students, who gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the program at NCUHS and sharing what the program means to them. The students spoke of the values and ethics that the program has taught them, and shared their goals for the future, which they said have been shaped by their positive JROTC experience at NCUHS. Col Wooster stated that over 2,000 students have been involved in the NCUHS JROTC program since it began in 1997. The Board gave the JROTC students and instructor an enthusiastic standing ovation.

Student Representative Erica Tweed gave an update on the student activities taking place at NCUHS, including information about the upcoming Arts trip to Europe, which will have about 60 people traveling.

Maggie Griffith asked if Project Graduation is still taking place. Bill explained that it had been discontinued a few years ago.

V. Financial Report

Action:

A. Approve the Warrants - None

B. Approve the Financial Report of December 2014 - None

VI. Committee Reports

A. Business Operations

1. Information: Minutes of January 13, 2015. (*Attachment B*)
2. **Motion to Approve** the FY2016 Announced Tuition Rate of \$14,500.00. MOSKOVITES/GHELLI Glenn explained that the Announced Tuition rate is based on 622 FTE students (NCHS students minus NCCC students). Rose Mary pointed out that the Business and Operations Committee was given the authority to approve Announced Tuition at the last NCUHS Board meeting, and has done so. Peter Moskovites withdrew the motion
3. **Motion to approve the proposed NCUHS FY2016 budget of \$12,473,698.00.** Board members asked for clarification on the \$30,000.00 decrease in the Principal's budget line, which Bill explained is due to staff reduction and correlating reductions in benefits. A Support Services increase of \$99,000.00 was attributed to dual enrollment costs, and the \$45,000.00 Tutoring Services increase is based on a projected increase in student needs. There are a total of 7 FTE's being eliminated, both Teaching and Support Staff. MOSKOVITES/GHELLI **APPROVED**
4. **Motion to approve the proposed NCCC FY2016 budget of \$3,324,638.00.** Scott inquired about the decrease in the Natural Resources budget. Eileen explained that it is because not everyone goes to the National Convention now, plus a teacher has retired who was at the top of pay scale. MOSKOVITES/GHELLI **APPROVED**
5. **Motion to Approve the District Meeting Warning.** MOSKOVITES/GHELLI **APPROVED**

B. Curriculum & Instruction

1. Information: Minutes of January 6, 2015. (*Attachment C*)
2. **Motion** to change the current four semesters of grade-book recorded student participation in the Junior ROTC program PE classes to meet one PE graduation requirement, to two semesters. GHELLI/TETREAULT **APPROVED.**
3. **Motion** to accept that four semesters of graded Junior ROTC classes will meet one Social Studies graduation requirement. GHELLI/GEORGE **APPROVED**

C. Policy and Special Programs – did not meet last month.

1. **Motion** to Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of F.04 Search and Seizure. CARTEE/BOSKIND **APPROVED**
2. **Motion** to Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of F.05 Interrogation or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement Personnel or Other Non-School Personnel. BOSKIND/GRIFFITH **APPROVED**

D. Human Resources

1. Rick Geisel reported that the HR Committee met tonight before the full Board meeting and unanimously recommends the hiring of Lonnie Wade as the Head Football Coach. **Motion** to offer the Head Football Coach position to Lonnie Wade. GEISEL/MOSKOVITES **APPROVED**
2. Discussion of a retirement request was **Tabled** for Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

E. Negotiations

1. Upcoming meetings:

Support Staff Negotiations	Wednesday	January 28	4:00 p.m.	NCCC Room 380
Teacher Negotiations	Tuesday	February 3	5:30 p.m.	NCCC Room 380

VII. **Motion** to accept the NCUHS Principal's Report – (*Attachments D & D-1*) NELSON/THERRIEN **APPROVED**
Maggie asked Bill why he is working on a new Mission Statement. Bill replied that the current Mission Statement is too long and people can't remember it. He would like to incorporate eight to ten core values and beliefs, aligned with those that the Leadership Team is establishing. Bill said that he wants to challenge some people's beliefs. He said that looking at the Mission Statement now is timely because of Personal Learning Plans and proficiency grading. The Mission Statement will be tied in with academic, civic and social expectations.

VIII. **Motion** to accept the NCCC Director's Report – (*Attachment E*) NELSON/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

Eileen distributed Adult Ed brochures for the new semester and commended Gwen Bailey-Rowe for the great job she is doing in reaching every facet of the community. Eileen shared that Gwen had recently been interviewed on the radio and for the newspaper.

IX. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Castel reported a “positive SU meeting last week.” He shared that Kathy Nolan had made a presentation on SBAC to the Executive Committee, saying that the AOE admits that the rollout is choppy and less than ideal. The test will be administered entirely online, replacing the NECAPS, from March through the end of the school year. John is concerned that there will be “bugs” with the roll-out, and he anticipates that results will decline, because the process is flawed. He is concerned that our schools will spend a lot of time and money (\$30.00/child), and that the SBACs will do more harm than good, will diminish public confidence, and are a dis-service to our schools. Peter Moskovites agreed with John’s analysis, and believes the purpose of the testing is to privatize education. Peter asked if there is anything we can do to go against this. John stated that the testing is tied to Federal dollars so we have to do it. By law, we are not allowed to let students opt out. John stated that if a parent wants their child to opt out, we will allow them to do so. He said that it will take a massive ground-swell of parents and students to change the testing system. Peter asked if we can check with other SU’s to find out where they stand. John replied that he has done that and is disappointed in their lack of action on this issue. He said the VT Secretary of Education has stuck her neck out and taken a stand – she admits the faults of this process - for which John gives her much credit. John stated that our schools will administer the SBAC faithfully and effectively, to the best of our ability. Ed Barber queried: “All these changes - what is the goal, what is the vision, what is the end gain, why are we doing this?”

X. Unfinished/New/Other Business –

1. Rick Geisel shared that he will not be running for re-election.

XI. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting

February 17, 2015

XII. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:10 to discuss a personnel matter. NELSON/GHELLI **APPROVED**

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:29. NELSON/CARTEE **APPROVED**

No action was taken.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn at 8:30. THERRIEN/BOSKIND APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Butterfield
Recording Secretary

Meetings:

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Support Staff Negotiations	Wednesday	January 28	4:00 p.m.	NCCC Room 380
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NCUHS Board	Tuesday	February 17	6:30 p.m.	NCCC Room 380
NCSU Policy Committee	Thursday	February 19	5:30 p.m.	NCSU, A213
NCSU Executive Committee	Thursday	February 19	6:30 p.m.	NCSU, A209
<i>NCUHS/NCCC Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 23</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>NCCC Room 380</i>