

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
North Country Career Center, Room 380
February 17, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Present

Board Members:

Richard Cartee, Newport City
Maggie Griffith, Newport City
Scott Boskind, Derby
George Swanson, Lowell
Corey Therrien, Newport City
Rose Mary Mayhew, Troy
Richard Nelson, Derby
Le-Ann Tetrault, Jay
Kristin Mason, Morgan
David Ghelli, Newport Town

Staff:

John Castle, NCSU Superintendent
Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Director of Business and Finance
Bill Rivard, NCUHS Principal
Eileen Illuzzi, NCCC Director
Liz Butterfield, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Press:

Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chair Rose Mary Mayhew, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were no Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda.

II. **Motion** to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015. (*Attachment A*) MASON/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

III. Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens

A. A thank you note from Brenda Lepage, for student participation in the Annual Christmas Dinner, was acknowledged by Chair Mayhew.

IV. **Student Reports:** No student representatives were in attendance.

V. Financial Report

A. **Motion** to approve the Warrants (*Attachment B*) Glenn explained that the Warrant Summary will be presented each month, and John explained that it is best practice that the Warrants be approved by the Board each month. It was agreed that Glenn will prepare a short summary each month, rather than list all of the payments. NELSON/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

B. **Motion** to approve the Financial Reports of January 2015 (*Attachment C*) Glenn presented both NCUHS and NCCC reports, stating that both are in good shape. THERRIEN/SWANSON **APPROVED**

C. **Motion** to approve soliciting Food Service bids for NCUHS and NCUJHS. This is done every three years. MASON/TETRAULT **APPROVED**

VI. Committee Reports

A. Business Operations (*Attachment D*)

1. Information: The minutes of January 13 and February 10, 2015

2. **Motion** to grant the NCSU Executive Board the authority to approve Master Agreements for telecommunications services on behalf of NCUHS. THERRIEN/MASON **APPROVED**

3. Motion to approve the IT Support Contract. THERRIEN/TETRAULT **APPROVED**

B. Curriculum & Instruction: Did not meet. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 5:30.

C. Policy and Special Programs: Did not meet

D. Human Resources: Did not meet

E. Negotiations Update. There is a meeting scheduled this Thursday for Support Staff. John reported that progress is being made in Teacher negotiations.

VII. NCUHS Principal's Report – (Attachment E) The Superintendent pointed out that it is not necessary to “approve” the Principal’s and Director’s Reports, as they are for information purposes only. Mr. Rivard gave a synopsis of his report. There was a discussion about walk-throughs, and acknowledgment how valuable they are. Mr. Rivard announced that Mike Kiser is being inducted into the VT Sports Hall of Fame, and that student Natalie Diette, of the NCCC Health Careers program, has been chosen to receive the Congress of Future Leaders Award.

VIII. NCCC Director's Report – (Attachment F) Ms. Illuzzi gave a synopsis of her report. She mentioned that students are earning certifications and performing community service, and that First Aid and CPR training are available for students. A Mechatronics and CAD presentation was made to the Rotary Club by the program instructors, and was very well received. Eileen and the Board praised the Adult Services program and Gwen Bailey-Rowe for what is being offered and how responsive the program is to the needs of the community.

Copies of the NCUHS/NCCC 2015 Annual Report were distributed to the Board.

IX. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Castle offered a clarification and apology to Laurel Lange concerning the letter that was mistakenly shared with the press. The Legislator/School Board Education Summit is being held on March 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the NCCC. John is hoping to testify in Montpelier at the end of the week concerning the Small Schools Grant. There was discussion concerning the fact that our schools have some of the lowest per pupil spending in the state and would be terribly hurt by elimination of the Small Schools Grant.

X. New Business

A. Reorganization Planning

1. Meeting Schedule: There was a discussion of the pros and cons of having both the High School and Junior High meetings on the same night, with some overlapping of the meetings in the middle. Some were concerned with the feasibility of an early start time, and the possibility of discussions having to be shortened to fit into one night. Rose Mary pointed out that the Superintendent would be able to attend more meetings if the meeting schedule were rearranged. John stated that he does not want board meetings rearranged to make his life easier, but suggested that it may lend to more cohesion between the High School, NCCC and the Junior High. Some suggested that it might work best if the meetings are combined periodically throughout the year, and others suggested giving the combined meetings a trial run. Corey requested that a historical record of the length of past board meetings be made available to the two Boards. Some also suggested holding more Board Retreats during the year, which lend to good conversation.

2. Committees: Rose Mary raised the possibility of the NCUHS Policy Committee being made an ad-hoc committee, convened as needed if the HS Board feels that a policy needs to be looked at more closely. Richard Cartee stated that he supports the idea, as long as there is more HS Board involvement at the SU Policy Committee and Executive Committee level.

B. Teacher Retirement: Cheri Skurdall has submitted a letter to the Superintendent indicating that she will be retiring next year. All agreed that hers will be big shoes to fill.

C. Annual Meeting Planning: a moderator is needed. The meeting is Monday, February 23 at the NCCC at 6:30 p.m.

XI. Other Business

Action:

A. **Motion** to approve the First Reading of Policies: *(Attachment H)*

A.01 Policy Development, Dissemination and Administration (Revised and Renamed)

D.10 Public Complaints about Personnel

G.11 Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use

BOSKIND/TERRIEN APPROVED

B. **Motion to** approve the Rescission of Policies: (*Attachment I*)

A.02 Policy Adoption

A.03 Policy Dissemination Administration and Review

F.47 Portable Electronic Communication Devices

GHELLI/BOSKIND APPROVED

XII. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting

Reorganization, Board Retreat, Teacher of the Year recognition (Excellence in Education? Golden Apple)

XIII. **Motion to** enter Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. CARTEE/ THERRIEN

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. CARTEE/THERRIEN

There was no action taken.

XIV. **Motion to** Adjourn at 8:21 p.m. THERRIEN/MASON

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Butterfield,
Recording Secretary

Meetings:

Annual Meeting

Legislator Education Summit

NCUHS School Board

Day

Monday

Monday

Tuesday

Date

February 23

March 16

March 17

Time

6:30 p.m.

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Location

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