

Central Vermont Unified Union School District Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

6:00 pm

Brown Public Library, Northfield, VT

Agenda

1. **Roll Call** 6:00 pm
2. **Agenda Revision** 6:01 pm
3. **Public Participation** 6:02 pm
4. **Reports to the Board** 6:05 pm
 - Superintendent
 - Chairperson
 - Committee Updates: Policy, Renaming the District, Community Outreach, Mission
 - Athletics
5. **Items for Board Action** 6:30 pm
 - Approval of Minutes: Regular - 12/20/2017
6. **FY19 Budget** *Possible Action* 6:35 pm

The Board will consider possible adoption of the FY19 CVUUSD Proposed Budget.
7. **Future Agenda Items**
 - Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements/Community Service
8. **Adjournment** 7:30 pm

Peter Evans, Chair
Central Vermont Unified Union School District

Susette L. Bollard, Superintendent, ONSU
Central Vermont Unified Union School District
Temporarily Assigned to ONSU by
Vermont State Board of Education

Next CVUUSD Meetings

-Weds Jan 17 2018 6:00pm Williamstown Middle High School
-Mon Feb 5 2018 6:00pm Brown Public Library in Northfield

Next CVSU Meeting

Weds Jan 10 2018 6:15pm WMHS

**Norms of Operation
for the
Central Vermont Unified Union School Board of Directors**

Adopted 11/06/2017

As a member of my local school board, I will remember that my primary concerns must be the educational welfare of the students in my district and excellent return on investment for taxpayers. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with the following commitments. I will:

Act within the scope of my official role:

- Recognize that a board member's responsibility is to see that schools are well run, but not to run them
- Act only as a member of the board and not assume any individual authority when the board is not in session, unless otherwise directed by the board
- Give no directives, as an individual board member, to any school administrator or employee, publicly or privately
- Avoid making commitments that may compromise the decision-making ability of the board or administrators
- Be sensitive to what is board work and what is the work of the Superintendent.

Uphold the highest ethical standards:

- Not receive anything of value, by contract or otherwise, from the school district or supervisory union unless it is received:
 - as a result of a contract accepted after a public bid
 - in public recognition of service or achievement
 - as a board stipend reimbursement or expense allowed by law for official duties performed as a member of such board;
- Not solicit or receive directly or indirectly any gift or compensation in return for making a recommendation or casting a vote;
- Agree to recuse and remove myself from board deliberation and votes when necessary to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest;

Respect my peers, my constituents, and confidentiality considerations:

- Foster a culture of respect for all ideas and points of view.
- Voice opinions respectfully and treat with respect other board members, administrators, school staff, and members of the public;
- Maintain confidentiality of information and discussion conducted in executive session and uphold applicable laws with respect to the confidentiality of student and employee information;
- Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, arriving on time and prepared by reviewing documents provided in the board packet.
- Limit use of electronics to board business or emergencies; silence cell phones.

Central Vermont Unified Union School District Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

6:30 pm

Williamstown Middle High School, Williamstown, VT

Minutes – Draft

1. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm.

Board Members Present: Peter Evans (Chair), Rama Schneider (Vice Chair), Amanda Mills Brown (Clerk), Horace Duke, Mike Bailey, Maria Abare (6:52 pm)

Board Members Absent: Christine Motyka, Justin Wrigley, Sophia Bennett

Administration Present: Superintendent Susette Bollard
Superintendent Laurie Gossens

Others Present: Principal Ryan Parkman, Principal Wayne Howe, Principal Scott Lang, Principal, Jamie Kinnarney, Business Manager Chris Locarno, Co-Director of School Transformation Michaela Martin.

2. Agenda Revision

Move budget earlier.

3. Public Participation

None

4. FY19 Budget

Motion made by Rama Schneider to enter executive session at 6:47 pm. Seconded by Marie Abare. Motion carries. Staff present were invited.

The Central Vermont Unified Union School District Board of Directors in accordance with 1 VSA § 313 find that premature public disclosure of the board's internal deliberations regarding upcoming contract negotiations at this time will clearly place the board at a substantial disadvantage, and due to this finding the CVUUSD board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing contracts and labor relations agreements with employees.

Executive session exited at 7:07 pm.

Superintendent Bollard and Business Manager Chris Locarno then shared a first look at the total CVUUSD proposed budget including anticipated revenues and tax calculations.

5. Reports to the Board

- Superintendent (Report included in agenda packet.)
- Chairperson
- Committee Updates: Policy, Renaming the District, Community Outreach, Mission
- Athletics

Marie Abare shared feedback from the fall athletics survey. 15 parents and 11 athletes responded. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Suggestions made through the survey will be considered for future seasons.

6. Items for Board Action

- Approval of Minutes 12/04/2017
Motion made by Rama Schneider and seconded by Horace Duke to approve the 12/04/2017 minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carries.

7. **New Business**

- **Renaming the CVUUSD**

The Renaming the School District Subcommittee shared the survey they hope to distribute soliciting ideas for renaming the School District. The Board made a minor suggestion for editing.

- **Student Board Members**

Principals Parkman and Lang updated the Board on their progress toward student membership on the CVUUSD Board.

- **Shared Leadership**

Principals Howe and Parkman shared their Shared Leadership Model.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

Nothing new added.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Maria Abare to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Rama Schneider. Motion carries.