

**Central Vermont Unified Union School District Meeting**  
**Monday, October 2, 2017**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Brown Public Library, Northfield, VT**

**Minutes – APPROVED 10/18/2017**

1. **Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Peter Evans (Chair), Rama Schneider (Vice Chair), Amanda Mills-Brown (clerk), Horace Duke, Christine Motyka, Sophia Benett

**Administration Present:** Susetta Bollard (ONSU Superintendent), Chris Locarno (ONSU/WSSU Business Manager), Michaela Martin (ONSU Co-Director of School Transformation/WSSU Curriculum Coordinator)

**Others Present:** Tim Moynihan, Peter Clark, Scott Lang, Ryan Parkman, Wayne Howe, David Delcore

2. **Agenda Revision**

None

3. **Public Participation**

Tim Moynihan (WSEA Negotiator) presented a letter indicating their intent to negotiate in partnership with the ONEA and the ONSA on behalf of the faculty and staff of the Central Vermont Unified Union School District. (See attached)

4. **Mission/Vision for the Central Vermont Supervisory Union**

Vice Chair Rama Schneider expressed his objections to the process and selection of Peter Clarke as the facilitator. He requested future hiring of consultants be brought to the Board for discussion. Facilitator Peter Clark led the Board through the initial steps of creating a new mission and vision for the Central Vermont Supervisory Union. (See attached.) This was followed by a discussion with the Board.

5. **Reports to the Board**

- Superintendent – Negotiations

Superintendent Bollard questioned whether the Board could negotiate with more than one entity representing the same group of people. She has sought legal counsel.

- Principals (Northfield Campuses)

Principals Parkman and Ryan reported to the Board.

6. **Items for Board Action**

- Approval of 9/20/2017 Minutes

Motion made by Rama Schneider to approve the minutes as presented.

Seconded by Christine Motyka. Unanimous approval.

- Confirmation of Board Meeting Dates, Times, Locations.

Motion made by Sophia Bennett to move the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 and to approve the other dates as presented. Seconded by Rama Schneider. Unanimous approval.

7. **New Business**

- CVUUSD Board Norms

The Board participated in a discussion to establish norms for their work together including a discussion of a code of ethics and the use of Robert's Rules of Order. Board members will send a list to Superintendent Bollard and review at the next meeting.

- CVUUSD Board Minutes

The Board discussed the pros and cons of having someone other than the Board Clerk take minutes for the meetings. Rama Schneider made a motion to hire a note-taker for regularly scheduled meetings and to pay them \$100 per meeting. 1 yes vote and 5 no votes. Motion failed.

- Student Membership on the Board

Principal Lang shared with the Board how Williamstown student members were selected for the Williamstown School Board and how their roles help bridge the gap between the Board and the people they serve. Discussion followed. Superintendent Bollard will bring a proposal for a process to select student board members to the next meeting.

- Transition Year Work Plan

See Attached. Discussion Followed. Principals requested that the Board provide ample time for community involvement.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

Rama Schneider suggested; ongoing process for community outreach and participation, board statement around negotiations, board outreach to schools.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Rama Schneider to adjourn meeting at 8:08 pm.

Seconded by Sophia Bennett. Unanimous approval.