

School Board Liaison Report  
School Board Meeting 9/6/16

The Springfield School Board met on September 6, 2016 . Business was primarily limited to a discussion of a tuition waiver, school lunch program, a budget reports. However there were three points of mutual interest:

- The School Board unanimously authorized entering into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase 47 Union Street property (blue apartment building in front of Union Street School which is surrounded by the driveway to the school) for \$45,000.00. The School Superintendent made it clear that they were seeking to purchase the building in order to protect the security of the Union Street Elementary School campus and not for the purpose of creating parking spaces. The agreement is subject to inspection of the property and confirmation after a public hearing which is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. They indicated that the public hearing would be at 6:30 pm, the location was to be announced later, but probably Union Street School.
  - I will be travelling out of State on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>, we should have someone representing the Town at the public hearing as this acquisition is consistent with the Town's various efforts to clean up the school zone around the Union Street School.
- Jeanice Garfield in addition submitted a report regarding RVTC which references the Maker's Space at the Howard Dean Education Center.
- The School Board is seeking citizens to serve on the Budget Advisory Committee, persons interested should contact Judy Spaulding at the Central Office as soon as possible.

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- Scott Farr and Derek Williams attended the Northern New England CTE Directors' Consortium Conference in Burlington, VT from July 26-28. The conference consisted of meetings with the Vermont CTE Directors relating to a plan of work and committee assignments for the year. Take aways from the Directors' meetings will be more of a dedicated legislative effort by the Directors' Association. I am one of three on the legislative committee. We will be working during the first few Directors' meetings to develop a handful of concise points where the Directors' are unified. Much like what was done a few years ago. It was also discussed that a full rewrite is needed for technical education regulations, rules, and statutes to reflect changes. Much of where this work will go will be influenced by the upcoming election and will take some time to complete.
- On August 8 and 9, Kelly Broker-Campbell attended the Makerspace Conference in Burlington, VT. The conference included sessions with Peter Hirshberg, with Maker Media, co-wrote the Maker Cities Playbook and is an advocate on creating a maker ecosystem in communities. Also Steve Cremer from FIRST Robotics discussed ways of starting a robotics team/programs. The conference, sponsored by CMF Innovations (founder of Champlain MakerFaire), will engage and introduce the world of making and makerspaces to business leaders, community leaders and educators. Tours of local Makerspaces including the Green Mountain Power Inspiration Space, Burlington Generator, UVM FabLab, and Champlain College MakerLab.
- Several upgrades were made to information technology infrastructure including: new short throw projectors in Engineering/Advanced Manufacturing, Health Careers, Criminal Justice, Human Services, Industrial Trades, and Horticulture/Natural Resources. Portable computer labs for Integrated Pre-Technical Studies, Human Services and Criminal Justice, upgraded software for Plasma Cutter in Industrial Trades, added cameras on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor by vending machines, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by Skills Lab, 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway toward Culinary Arts, and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway toward SHS. New computer lab in the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing classroom. Added dual monitors to the Business and Financial Services classroom. In the Makerspace lab, three electric power cord reels were installed with ceiling mounts, installed a vinyl cutter, laser cutter, and heat press, and mounted a 42 inch video display.
- Teachers returned on August 25 for the start of the new school year. Teachers had in-service with presentations from the Vermont Department of Labor on the Apprenticeship Program, VEHI on the changes in Health Insurance, Classroom Community Building and Coaching Student Reflection by Laura Thomas from Antioch New England, Bruce Sievers from New England Association School and Colleges about the changes in the evaluation process and to review the five year visit, and we toured Whelen Engineering in Charlestown NH with a presentation about employee hiring and evaluation procedures. I introduced the concept of "Every Student, Every time" to the staff as a systemic way of ensuring student transition to the next step in their career path and our transition to a proficiency based model.
- Directors Activity
  - July 6 - HDEC Site Council Meeting
  - July 18 – Springfield Rotary
  - July 26-28 – Northern New England CTE Directors' Consortium Conference in Burlington, VT
  - July 28 – Meeting with Eric Feldborg, NH CTE Director
  - August 1 – Tour of RVTC with Meg Powden, Superintendent, Two Rivers Supervisory Union
  - August 8 – Integrated Pre-Technical Studies with Gabe Vastola for Bindy Hathorn, SHS Principal
  - August 11 - Upper Valley Educators Institute w/ D. Williams
  - August 17 – Office Retreat
  - August 22 – Springfield Rotary