

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, December 18, 2007
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular Board meeting on December 18, 2007 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Dan Carver, Mike Rogers, and Paul Smith; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Principals: Amy Minor, John Barone, Barbara Nason, Chris Antonicci and 5 members of the community.

MINUTES (General Session)

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Reith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Act on Minutes of December 4th, 12th, and 13th 2007

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to approve the minutes of December 4, 12, and 13, 2007 with modifications made before the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Citizen Participation

None

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, Correspondence

Director Dick Pecor attended a town luncheon that was catered by Food Service Director Steve Davis and his staff, and was very impressed.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli stated that the Technology Committee will be meeting over the next two months putting together free workshops for teachers and support staff. Ms. Carmolli continued by declaring that kindergarten students will be working with the technology road map starting next year.

The Board wanted to thank the Jenkins and Giroux families for the greeting cards.

V. CMS Presentation by John Barone, Principal – School Improvement Plan

Principal, John Barone gave an overview of his School Improvement plan. CMS has been an identified school, and is required to provide a plan of action to help improve in performance areas. For the last two years CMS has targeted Mathematics for the cohort of students in Free

and Reduced Lunch. CMS's plan has been approved by the D.O.E. (Patricia Johnson) and is being viewed as an exemplary plan. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli said that no conclusions have been drawn yet, and not enough information has been collected, however this program will end up helping all students at CMS not just the students in the Free and Reduced Lunch cohort group.

VI. CHS Report by Amy Minor, Principal – Enrollment and Personnel Assignment Report

Principal, Amy Minor gave a detailed overview of her projected numbers for enrollment at the high school. This report shows why she believes there will not be a large enough decrease in students at the high school for the 08/09 school year to warrant a decrease in staffing at CHS. A large factor in forecasting the enrollment numbers for next year is providing a bus to Lake Champlain Islands. To show that class sizes at CHS are already at their upper limits, Ms. Minor broke down each subject and the number of FTEs, with corresponding class sizes. The Board agreed that staffing at CHS should not be reduced, and arguments could even be made for an increase in the Music, and World Language departments.

VII. FY'09 School Program/Personnel Requests

Superintendent, Larry Waters gave a list of programs and personnel to be added in 08/09 school year, totaling \$432,967; \$110,000 of which Mr. Waters requested approval from the Board. The remainder needs to be considered by the Board after looking at the reductions. The Board agreed with the suggestions put forward by the Superintendent.

VIII. Budget Reductions to Date

Superintendent, Larry Waters showed the Board a chart of suggested reductions and reallocations for FY 09 totaling \$391,315. These reductions are being considered in order to attain the 7.97% budget increase. Some of the largest cuts would be to support staff reducing eight positions.

IX. FY'09 Budget General Discussion

Superintendent, Larry Waters stated the importance of putting together a final budget, and hoped to have one after the meeting on January 2, 2008. The Board looked at the budget calendar making sure that there are ample meetings to attain a final budget.

The Board continued to look at the actual impact the school budget has on the increase in property tax, and agreed that the public needs to be informed on how little impact the budget actually has.

X. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda:

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

Personnel Consent Agenda

Dated: December 18th, 2007

ADMINISTRATOR

NEW HIRES:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____

RESIGNATIONS:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____ **Effective Date** _____

LEAVE REQUEST:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____

TEACHER

NEW HIRES:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____

RESIGNATIONS:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____ **Effective Date** _____
Dan Nowlan Special Education Teacher CHS TBD

NON-RENEWAL

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____ **Effective Date** _____

CHANGE IN FULL TIME EQUIVALENCY:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____

LEAVE REQUEST:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____

CO-CURRICULAR

CONTRACT OFFER:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____
Ila Sewall Cheerleading Coach CMS

RESIGNATIONS:

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____

SUPPORT STAFF

LEAVE REQUEST

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____ **Admin. Support** _____

POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

NEW HIRES

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____

RESIGNATIONS

Name _____ **Position** _____ **Building** _____
Mary Ellen Claremont Instructional Assistant-SPED UMS
Colleen Morgan-Fossi Instructional Assistant-SPED CHS

TERMINATIONS

Name _____ Position _____ Building _____

CHANGES

Name _____ Position _____

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Pecor to accept the personnel consent agenda as presented, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement for Dan Nowlan. Motion passed unanimously

XI. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- a. January-Special Education Service Plan Presentation**
- b. End of January-Presentation by PPS Principal**
- c. School Calendar -09**
- d. Article Funds Update**

XII. Adjourn

Director Dan Carver moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Mark Ellingson
Reporting Secretary

Michael Rogers