

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, and Paul Smith; Student Representative Jessica Guter; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz; Principals: Chris Antonicci; Jim Marshall, Amy Minor, Barbara Nason, CMS Assistant Principal, Caroline Millham and 32 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 January 15, 2008

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to approve the minutes of January 15, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Participation

Maryanne Barnes, President of the CEA wanted to offer the Board the support of the CEA in passing the budget.

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, Correspondence

Colchester High School Principal Amy Minor, informed the Board that at this point CHS has 17 students from the Islands (9 from South Hero, and 8 from Grand Isle) looking to attend Colchester next year. Mrs. Minor wanted to thank the Board for offering a bus to the Islands.

Porters Point School Principal Jim Marshall, along with some of his staff, (Sherry Amour Technology Assistant; Marie Hayes, Title One Teacher; Dan Sheppard, Elementary Teacher; and Cheryl Benjamin, Elementary Teacher) gave a presentation on technology at PPS. Principal Marshall explained that PPS used Technology money to purchase 14 laptops, along with a mobile lab to store the computers and an Interactive Whiteboard. Sherry Amour showed the Board how the Interactive Whiteboard works. Marie Hayes explained the benefits of the EasyTech software. Dan Sheppard showed a video clip of his students working on the laptops. Cheryl Benjamin spoke about how the different types of software (UltraKey, MaxWrite, and EasyTech) PPS is using in helping them achieve their GLEs. The Board thanked PPS for the informational presentation.

V. FY '09 Budget Review

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb distributed a packet of information to the Board. Included in this packet was a copy of the signed warning, some calculations comparing the last three budgets, along with a chart showing the drivers of the Tax Rate. CEA President Maryanne Barnes thought the color chart should be put in the sun. Mr. Trieb reiterated that the largest driver in the tax rate is the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal). The Board continued to discuss how little impact our budget has on the Tax Rate. Director Mike Rogers inquired about how this message is going to get out to the Colchester community? Director Dirk Reith confirmed that we have the information on the website, there will be articles in the Colchester Sun, and there will also be an interactive television show on public access, along with other options to be determined. Director Paul Smith asked about All Day Kindergarten and whether parents would have the option to have their children in Kindergarten for a half day? The Board along with the administrators discussed the issue leading the Board to come to the conclusion that there would be an option for parents, but didn't think that there would be more than a handful of students. Diane Trombley, a Kindergarten teacher at PPS wanted to reiterate that kindergarten students are more productive in the morning.

The Board next discussed the Capital Reserve Fund. They wanted the Colchester community to know that these would be excess funds at the end of the year. Director Paul Smith stated that it is good business practice to have money left over at the end of the year.

Director Dick Pecor attended a select board meeting, and their auditors were recommending a 5-10% Capital Reserve Fund, compared to a 2% Capital Reserve Fund for CSD.

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the different promotions for the budget. The CEA will call residents to remind them to vote, a presentation on Local Access T.V., a budget flyer to all residents in Colchester, school presentations at the next Board meeting, letters to the "Sun," our Website, and a potluck dinner with the Select Board on March 3, 2008.

VI. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

Dated: January 31, 2008

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** _____

Melissa Lang-Coffman

English Language Learner Teacher .60 ETF PPS/UMS

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NON-RENEWAL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
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CHANGE IN FULL TIME EQUIVALENCY:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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LEAVE REQUEST:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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CO-CURRICULAR

CONTRACT OFFER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Zachary Kramer	Varsity Track Coach	CHS
David Sharkey	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	CHS
Megan Terrien	Varsity Girls Tennis Coach	CHS
James Goldsbury	Varsity Golf Coach	CHS
Geri Witalec	Varsity Softball Coach	CHS
Laura Sommariva	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	CHS
Julie Conrad	Rugby Club Advisor	CHS
Damien Dulude	"A" Team softball Coach	CMS
Kevin Kennett	"B" Team Softball Coach	CMS

RESIGNATIONS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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SUPPORT STAFF

LEAVE REQUEST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Admin.</u>
<u>Support</u> Becky Loftus	Tutor-SPED	CMS	yes

POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

Colchester Middle School Principal

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

NEW HIRES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Abigail Dewey	Tutor-SPED	CMS
Jessa Baker	Tutor/Non-Instructional Assistant	UMS
Christopher Tucker	Custodian	MBS
Rebecca Roe	Title I Tutor	MBS

RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Anet Ben	Custodian	MBS
Eric Larmay	Custodian	CHS
Niki Burnett	Instructional Assistant-SPED	CMS
Laurie Ose	Tutor-SPED	UMS
Gregory Hathaway	Non-Instructional Assistant	CMS
Shannon McCarthy	Title I Tutor	MBS
Karie DeCasas	Title I Tutor	PPS

TERMINATIONS

Name _____ Position _____ Building _____

CHANGES

Name _____ Position _____

Director Dan Carver moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to accept the personnel consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously

VII. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Income Sensitivity and Prebates
- Nonconsumables Article Funds Report
- Quarterly Financial Report
- Town Meeting Presentation
- FY '09 Budget
- Recognition of students, for non-school related activities

VIII. Adjourn

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Chair Dirk Reith to adjourn General Session at 8:25 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Mark Ellingson
Reporting Secretary

Michael Rogers