

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Central Office Conference Room
Colchester High School Library

Wednesday, January 2, 2008
6:00 p.m. (Work Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a Board meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 in the Central Office conference room. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Mike Rogers, Dick Pecor, and Paul Smith; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Malletts Bay School Principal Barbara Nason; Malletts Bay School Assistant Principal Carolyn Millham, parents and student.

MINUTES (Work Session)

I. Call to Order

Chair Reith called the meeting (work session) to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Hear and Discuss a Student Matter (Anticipated Executive Session)

Chair Reith moved, seconded by Director Pecor to enter Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to hear and discuss a student matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Smith moved, seconded by Director Pecor to exit executive session at 6:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Action as a Result of Executive Session

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Chair Reith to accept the Superintendent's recommendation in regards to the student matter. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Chair Reith to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on January 2, 2008 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Mike Rogers, Dick Pecor, 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: Amy Minor, John Barone, Barbara Nason, Jim Marshall, Chris Antonicci and 1 member 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 18th, 2007

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to approve the minutes of December 18, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Participation:

None

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, Correspondence

Chair, Dirk Reith wanted to recognize the speed of the snow crew in Colchester in getting the snow removed on the morning of January 2nd. The Board wanted to wish the community a Happy New Year. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli informed the Board that the preliminary results from NECAP will be in this month, and these numbers will be reviewed by administration, and will help guide an action plan for each school.

V. SPEC.ED Service Plan and Funding Presentation (Carrie Lutz SPEC.ED Director)

Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz gave a detailed presentation on the Special Education services provided by Colchester School District and how they are funded. A child count taken on December 1, 2007 showed there were 267 SPEC.ED students in the CSD, a number that has stayed relatively constant over the past 6 years (273 in 2002, 267 in 2003, 261 in 2004, 249 in 2005 and 274 in 2006). Some of the programs in CSD include: Colchester Alternative Program (serving 19 high school age students), Infinity Team (serving 8 to 12 middle school students), Transition Class (serving 6 high school students), Crossroads Program (working to provide job skills to high school students, and aiding in mainstreaming students). Ms. Lutz continued by saying that the cost of educating these students is expensive, but less costly than sending them outside of the district. Ms. Lutz broke down the funding for Special Education; for example, Federal funding provides 11 to 13% every year, the state reimburses approximately 55%, and the local tax payers pick up the remainder (app. 34%). She also looked at the forces driving the expenses, with Teachers and Support Staff being the largest contributors. CSD has also been able to take advantage of Medicaid revenue projecting to take in around \$200,000 for 2008.

Director Carver thanked Carrie for looking at the revenue side as well as the expense side, and thinks CSD needs to continue to do so.

VI. Discuss FY '09 Budget

Superintendent, Larry Waters gave a budget presentation which included seven factors that CSD has no control over and those factors have a much greater impact on the tax rate than the increase in the budget. Looking at a tax rate of \$1.5636 with the forecasted 8.69% increase in the CSD budget, if CSD only increased the budget by 7.69% the tax rate would only drop to \$1.5468 a change of \$.016, and if the budget only increased by 6.69% the tax rate would drop to \$1.5299 a change of \$.033. Showing the budget has very little impact in the overall tax rate, and the major forces impacting the tax rate are CLA, the State tax rate, and number of pupils. Discussion by the board after the superintendent's presentation focused on getting this message

out to the community. Director Paul Smith pushed for an additional increase of a 0.4 FTE music position at CHS pushing the budget increase to 8.81%. Chair Dirk Reith stressed that there is no fat in this budget, and this is a number that cannot be cut. The Board came to a consensus that the 8.69% increase along with the .4 FTE to music at CHS is the recommended Budget.

VII. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda: Action

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda

Dated: January 2, 2008

ADMINISTRATOR

NEW HIRES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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RESIGNATIONS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
John Barone	Colchester Middle School Principal	CMS	07/01/08

LEAVE REQUEST:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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TEACHER

NEW HIRES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
David Sharkey	Special Education Teacher	CHS	01/02/08

RESIGNATIONS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
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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>
Sheila Clark	MBS Choral Performance Fall	MBS
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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. Support</u>
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POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

NEW HIRES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Bryan Tandy	Custodian	CHS
Beatriz Zamoru	Food Service Worker	PPS
Nicole Leslie	Tutor-SPED	MBS

RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Jennifer Jacobson	Tutor-SPED	CAP
Colleen Morgan_Fossi	Tutor-SPED	CHS
Anna Lavenburg	Instructional Assistant – SPED	CMS
Jan Maltby	Tutor – ELL	CMS

TERMINATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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CHANGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to accept the personnel consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously

VIII. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Final Budget
- Meet with local legislators to discuss what goes into a budget and how it affects the tax rate.
- No meeting on the 8th, the next meeting will be on January 15, 2008.

IX. Adjourn

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to adjourn 9:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Mark Ellingson
Reporting Secretary

Michael Rogers