

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING

Double Tree Conference Center, Burlington, VT

1:00pm – 4:00pm (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a special board meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at the Double Tree Conference Center. Those in attendance were: Chair Dirk Reith, Directors: Dan Carver, Dick Pecor and Paul Smith; 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, and Chris Antonicci; Assistant Principals in Attendance: Carolyn Millham, Michael Clark, and Tim Emery; CHS Director of Guidance, Bob Hall; Steve Davis, Director of the CSD Food Service Program was also in attendance.

MINUTES (General Session)

1. Call to Order.

Chair Reith called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Introductions

Barbara Mason, Principal, MBS
Steve Davis, Director of the CSD Food Service
Tim Emery, Assistant Principal, CHS

2A. Reorganization of the Agenda

Item # 7 – Colchester Middle School Kitchen Renovation Proposal was moved to item 2A on the agenda to accommodate Steve Davis's attendance/participation at the meeting.

George Trieb, Business and Operations Manager distributed a proposal for the renovation's of the kitchen at the middle school. George Trieb, Steve Davis, the Food Services Director and John Barone, Principal at the middle school discussed the needs/concerns within the current kitchen at Colchester Middle School.

Director Smith moved, seconded by Director Pecor to authorize the Business and Operations Manager to borrow \$150,000.00 to fulfill the contracts as bid, provided they are completed in a timely manner. Motion passed unanimously (4:0).

3. Vision Plan

The building administrators shared an overview of the changes/actions discussed

to the Colchester School District Vision Plan during their July 10, 2007 ADCO Retreat. Three proposed areas will be added to the Vision Plan: Community, the Student/Learner, and Fiscal Resources. The goal is to add these new components to the vision and then use the vision plan to formulate a Strategic Plan for the Colchester School District.

4. Full Day Kindergarten

Discussion centered on proposals for Full Day Kindergarten for the School Year 2008-2009 budget process. The district has committed to at least one section of Full Day Kindergarten at both Porters Point School and Union Memorial School for School Year 2008-2009. Other options/proposals will be discussed and reviewed as part of the budget process for School Year 2008-2009.

(No Action Taken)

5. Future Professional Development Initiatives

Superintendent Larry Waters outlined the Professional Development focus for each of the schools for School Year 2007-2008:

UMS and PPS:	Writing
MBS:	Writing
CMS:	Improvement Plan & VALI Reading Initiative
CHS:	Continue with D.I.

Superintendent Waters and the Administrative Team reviewed the plan for a District wide professional development focus. Principals Amy Minor and Chris Antonicci reviewed the discussions of D.I. and Data. Discussion will continue on this topic at the ADCO retreat in August.

6. School Board/Administrators' Comments

For School Year 2007-2008, formal presentations (20 minutes) will be made to the School Board based upon the following proposed schedule. Presentations will occur the first meeting of each month.

September – D.I. and/or Responsive Classroom
October – NECAP Review (G. Carmolli)
November – CHS – AP and I.B.
December – CMS – Updates on the Improvement Plan
January – PPS
February – School Reports from all 5 schools and the district
March – ELL (?)
April – MBS
May – UMS – DRA's

7. Item #7 moved to 2A on the agenda

8. Policy Updates and Revisions

Superintendent Larry Waters indicated the need to update/review the following Colchester School District Policies:

- Parental Involvement Policy
- Building and Grounds Use Policy
- Non-Resident Student Policy

These policy updates/review will be placed on future Board agendas.

9. Act on the Personnel Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda was presented:

Teacher:

NEW HIRES:

Name	Position	Building
Michael Sherwin	Health Teacher	CMS
Mary Axworthy	School Nurse	PPS

LEAVE REQUESTS:

Name	Position	Building
Carol McCleary	Guidance Counselor (.20 FTE)	UMS

Co-Curricular

CONTRACT OFFER:

Name	Position	Building
Michael Plante	Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	CHS
Josh Clark	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	CHS
Kara Lenorovitz	Jr. Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	CHS
David Sharkey	Jr. Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	CHS

Support Staff:

NEW HIRES:

Name	Position	Building
Rachel Howes	Tutor – SPED	CAP

RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Position	Building
Jamie Brigante	Tutor – SPED	PPS

CHANGES:

Name	Position	Building
Susi Barrows	Admin. Asst. Special Education	
Kim Newton	Accounts Payable Bookkeeper	
Stacy Emery	Food Service Assistant	

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Director Carver, to accept the Personnel Consent Agenda dated July 10, 2007 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Board Goals for the year
- Communication
- Vision Plan
- CEA Contract Negotiations
- Scheduled Meetings Dates for School Year 2007-2008 will remain first and third Tuesdays of each month.

11. Adjourn

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Director Carver to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

John L. Barone, Sr.
Principal, CMS

Dick Pecor
Board Clerk