

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers; 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, John Barone, Amy Minor, Jim Marshall, Barbara Nason; Assistant Principal, Carolyn Dickinson, and six (6) members of the community.

MINUTES (General Session)

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Reorganization: Election of Officers

Superintendent, Larry Waters led in the election of new officers.

- a. Director Dick Pecor nominated, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to elect Dirk Reith as Chair, nomination passed unanimously.
- b. Chair Dirk Reith nominated, seconded by Director Dan Carver to elect Dick Pecor as Vice-Chair, nomination passed unanimously.
- c. Director Dan Carver nominated, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to elect Paul Smith as Clerk, nomination passed unanimously.

III. Act on Minutes of February 19, and March 6, 2008

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to approve the minutes of February 19, 2008 and March 6, 2008, as modified. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

None

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, Correspondence

Director Dick Pecor wanted to thank the voters of Colchester for passing the budget. Principal of CHS, Amy Minor noted that she would like to take more time to analyze the recently released NECAP data. Ms. Minor also addressed an issue that has arisen, due to the most recent snow day, regarding CHS Graduation. The Board needs to make a decision

between holding gradation on Saturday June 7, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. as scheduled, and have school for seniors on one Saturday in May, keeping all Project Grad events intact, or moving CHS Graduation to Saturday June 14, at 10:00 a.m. and keeping the Project Grad Boat Cruise and bowling on June 7th. Ms. Minor has received around 20 e-mails regarding this issue, with the majority of them asking to keep CHS Graduation on June 7th. The students in the audience also shared the opinion of wanting to keep CHS Graduation on June 7, 2008. The Board discussed the pros and cons of each date, including the possibility of another snow day later this year requiring CHS Graduation to be on the 14th, along with expenses that families would endure if graduation was moved. The Board came to a consensus to keep graduation on June 7, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

VI. Designate Official Newspaper for Legal Notices

Superintendent, Larry Waters recommended that the Colchester Sun be the official newspaper for notices and warnings. The Sun is cheaper than the Burlington Free Press, and is distributed to every Colchester resident. Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to designate the Colchester Sun as the official newspaper for legal notices. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Review and Discuss Results of March 4, 2008 School Budget Vote

Superintendent, Larry Waters stated that he would like to adjust the format of School Report Night. Director Mike Rogers agreed, realizing that the floor was opened up for discussion too early. Discussion then moved to different options of getting community feedback from throughout the year. Director Mike Rogers wanted to remind the community that there is “no fat” in the budget, and Colchester School District’s per pupil spending is one of the lowest in the state. Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb gave the Board a copy of the financial statements, which he suggested the Board review in more depth, and bring their questions to future meetings. He informed the Board that at the end of FY’07 that there was a fund balance of \$569K that would be available for transfer to the recently approved capital reserve fund. The surplus/deficit from FY’08 would adjust the amount available for transfer at the close of the fiscal year. The \$569K differs from the \$1,047K shown in the audited financial statements due to accounting and reporting methodology.

VIII. Hear and Discuss Teacher Contract Language

Superintendent, Larry Waters requested that the teacher contract be reviewed. He wanted to point out Section XI, and Section XIV where dates and the probationary period are discussed. Mr. Waters suggested that the contract be reviewed further at the Board Retreat next week.

IX. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

Personnel Consent Agenda
Dated: March, 11 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>
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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>
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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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Carrie Robinson	Spanish Teacher from 1.0 to .6 FTE	CHS
Andrea Boehmcke	Science Teacher from 1.0 to .6 FTE	CHS

LEAVE REQUEST:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Admin Support</u>
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Heather Baron	Science Teacher .4 FTE	CHS	Yes
William Rich	English Teacher .4FTE	CHS	Yes
Robyn Schenck	Employment Specialist .2 FTE	CHE	No

CO-CURRICULAR

CONTRACT OFFER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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Ryan O'Hara	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	CHS
Dan Boomhower	Music Accompanist	CHS

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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Lorena Raymond	Title I Tutor	UMS	Yes
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POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

NEW HIRES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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Neil Preston	Tutor-SPED	CMS
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Martha Donaghue	Tutor-SPED	MBS
Sharon McGarry	Tutor-504	CHS
Amanda Collins	Title I Tutor	UMS
Stephaine Ricker	Instructional Assistant-SPED	CMS
Jessica Davitt	Instructional Assistant-SPED	MBS

RESIGNATIONS

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

X. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- CHS NECAP Results
- District Action Plan
- Communication with Community
- English Language Learner Presentation
- All-Day Kindergarten Implementation Plan
- School Board Retreat for the week of March 17, 2008

XI. Adjourn

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to adjourn 8:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

 Mark Ellingson
 Reporting Secretary

 Paul Smith