

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, November 6, 2007
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Mike Rogers, Dick Pecor (arrived during CHS Vision presentation), 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 16 students and 7 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 October 16, and 30, 2007

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to approve the minutes of October 16, and 30, 2007. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Citizen Participation

None

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, Correspondence

Director Paul Smith inquired about EEE, along with School Choice numbers. Superintendent, Larry Waters informed the Board that School Choice will continue to be an issue, and will be followed closely when budget calculations are being made.

Director Mike Rogers stated that article V will require an action, and will not be informational. Chair, Dirk Reith wanted to commend Superintendent, Larry Waters, and Maryann Barnes for their articles in The Colchester Sun. Chair Reith also wanted to commend the sports teams for their hard work this fall, and the community of Colchester for supporting said teams.

V. Approval of CMS Field Trip to France

Micheline Tremblay gave a presentation on the proposed field trip to France. The trip will depart Wednesday, April 16, 2008 and return Friday, April 25, 2008. The students will only miss three days of school (4/16-18). The trip will cost approximately between \$2,500 and

\$2,700 depending on the strength of the U.S. Dollar vs. the Euro. There will be thirteen students, ten 8th graders, and three 7th graders, as well as ten adults going on the trip. The majority of the adults are parents of the students attending the field trip. The itinerary of the trip is organized by Educational Travel Service, Inc. the same company that has put together each of Micheline Tremblay's previous twelve trips.

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to approve the field trip request. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Colchester High School Vision Plan Presentation

Superintendent, Larry Waters introduced Principal of CHS Amy Minor who presented her Vision Plan for the High School. The Vision of CHS is built on the same foundation as Colchester School District's Vision, "The Learner." CHS will continue to look outside the box for different ideas and ways to improve the learning environment which it provides for all of its students, continually taking into account how the outside pressures (NEASC, NCLB, AYP, Vermont School Quality Standards, etc.) affect the way CHS is viewed and judged. CHS will use three goals: 1. Essential Expectations/Rubrics. 2. Communication/Assessment and 3. Differentiated Instruction. Focusing on D.I. will ensure that all learners are educated. By using these goals, and never resting on its accomplishments, Principal Minor is able to project three to five years, and see's CHS as an ever evolving high school.

VII. Hear and Act on Second Reading of School Relations with Attorneys and the Courts in Child Custody Cases Policy

Superintendent, Larry Waters informed the Board that revisions were made since the last reading, and that the policy is clear, and will support CSD staff. Chair, Dirk Reith would like the word "said" added to paragraph 1 line 7 after the word "disclosing." Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dan Carver to approve the final reading with the one addition. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Hear and Act on First Reading of Building and Grounds Use Policy

Superintendent, Larry Waters stated that this policy was completely rewritten. The Policy Statement in the new policy remains similar to the old policy stating that CSD facilities can and should serve as centers for educational, civic, and other events. The new policy breaks down the groups using the facilities into 5 subgroups. Groups one through three, and group five were overwhelmingly approved by the Board. The Board was in agreement that group four needed some modifications; the term Not-For-Profit needs to be added before Organization. There was discussion regarding the percentage of Colchester residents which would need to be involved in the activity. The Board conversed about the percentage being somewhere between 20% and 50%. Director Paul Smith would like to invite Matt Granai to the next meeting to hear the second reading. Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to accept the first reading of the Buildings and Grounds Use Policy.

IX. Discuss FY '09 Budget

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb gave each member of the Board a binder outlining a timeline for the budget. The timeline looks at individual budgets for each school (building budgets and personnel budgets) taking into account enrollment. Bill Smith will be attending the Board meeting on November 27th to look at the enrollment numbers with the Board. Mr. Trieb continued by stating he will forward more information for the binders as the budget process continues.

All Day Kindergarten continues to be a discussion point (how much money was lost, how many students will be brought back to CSD for first grade, and the cost of acclimating those students). There was a discussion regarding grants, the cost of finding grants, and the importance of said grants to CSD, including the Article Funds (which allocates \$150,000/year to be used for non-consumables). Superintendent, Larry Waters would like the Board to follow the flow chart provided in the binder when making decisions regarding the budget. Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb would like the Board to spend time looking at the table of contents making sure the timeline is on track.

X. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

**Personnel Consent Agenda
Dated: November 5, 2007**

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>
Robert Hall	Guidance Director	CHS	12/01/07

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>
Robert Hall	Guidance Counselor	CHS
Deborah Kalamasz	Speech Language Pathologist	CMS

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>
Ed Boadway	After School Band Advisor	MBS
Bridgette Tozzi	Drama Advisor – Winter Performance	CMS
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Ginger Epstein	Asst. Drama Advisor – Winter Performance	CMS
Ginger Epstein	Asst. Drama Advisor – Spring Performance	CMS
Robert Hall	Team Leader – Guidance	CHS
Matt Waterman	Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	CHS
Jim Roche	Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	CHS
Emily Grant	Assistant Varsity Girls Ice Hockey (60%)	CHS
Moe Boucher	Assistant Varsity Girls Ice Hockey (40%)	CHS
Heather Toohill	Dance Team Coach	CHS
Erin Mallory	Varsity Girls Nordic Ski Coach	CHS
Brian Flynn	Girls “A” Team Basketball Coach	CMS
Jeff Barton	Boys “A” Team Basketball Coach	CMS
Kevin Kennett	Boys “B” Team Basketball 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. Support</u>
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POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

Director of Student Support Services - CHS

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

NEW HIRES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Justin Dorey	Instructional Assistant – SPED	CMS
Chris Davis	Instructional Tutor – SPED	CHS
Erin Becker	Instructional Tutor – SPED	CMS
Jean Ward	Employment Assistant	CHS

RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Lynn Surprenant	Instructional Assistant – SPED	MBS

TERMINATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Louis Morin	Food Service Worker	PPS

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.

XI. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Security at buildings
- Field Committee, Act 220/250
- Buildings and Grounds Use Policy second reading
- Non-Resident Student Policy

XII. Adjourn

Director Dan Carver moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn 9:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Mark Ellingson
Reporting Secretary

Michael Rogers