

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Mike Rogers, Dick Pecor, and Paul Smith; Student Board Member Jessica Guter; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Principals: Chris Antonicci, John Barone, Jim Marshall, Amy Minor, Barbara Nason, and 8 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 September 4th, 2007

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Director Carver to approve the minutes of September 4th, 2007 as presented. Motion passed 4-0, with one abstention.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

Bus Incident

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb wanted to inform the Board that School Bus #5 was in an accident this morning. The bus was struck by a Town fire truck in the front left wheel well, and no citations had been issued at the time of the meeting. All of the students on the bus were given assessments, one young man was a little lightheaded, but no serious injuries. All parents were notified of the incident.

IV. Introduction of New Student Board Member

Amy Minor, Principal of Colchester High School, introduced the new student board member Jessica Guter to the Board. Amy went on to say that she knows Jess was the right person for this position due to her involvement in Girls State, and knows she will let her voice be heard. Jess thanked the Board and told them she was looking forward to contributing. The Board welcomed her.

V. Hear and Act on Second Reading of Parent and Community Involvement Policy

Superintendent, Larry Waters stated that he had made the corrections and edits from the first reading and recommended the Board approve the second reading.

Director Smith moved to adopt the second reading, seconded by Director Pecor. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Report for August 2007 (George Trieb, Business Manager)

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb stated that last years budget was just closed out, and judging the current year was difficult being only two months into the year. He continued by noting the expenses have shifted, but we have only committed 57.1% of the budget, where last year at this point we were at 59.0%.

VII. Buildings and Grounds Use Policy (Suspension of Policy)

Superintendent, Larry Waters requested that the current Buildings and Grounds Use Policy be suspended until it can be updated. The policy is not being used uniformly by the schools and does not take into account all the levels of community involvement of the groups using the property. Chair Reith moved to temporarily suspend the charging of groups I and II in the Buildings and Grounds Use policy. Seconded by Director Pecor. Director Smith amended the motion to have an update back to the Board by the second meeting in November. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Vermont Dairy Council Grant

Superintendent, Larry Waters stated that the Vermont Dairy Council has granted Colchester School District \$5,000 for the purchase of new milk coolers. Five coolers were purchased, one for each school varying in size depending on the size of the school for a total cost of \$14,000. Vermont Dairy Council will be/has been taking pictures of the units in the schools. No data has been collected on how new coolers have effected milk consumption at the schools.

IX. Update on District Committee Structure

Superintendent, Larry Waters gave an overview of the committee structure. Standing committees are committees that are in place every year, and study groups will be used to evaluate what the standing committees are doing. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli confirmed that each committee was set to State and National Standards. Superintendent, Larry Waters informed the Board that the committees will be giving reports to the Board at the start of the Board meetings.

X. Vermont Teacher of the Year

Principal Amy Minor, informed the Board that Diane Bahrenburg was elected as Vermont Teacher of the Year. Winning this award was a long process for Mrs. Bahrenburg and no one is more deserving. The announcement was made at an assembly at the high school on September 18. In the Spring the State winners will be competing for National Teacher of the Year.

XI. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda dated: September 13, 2007.

ADMINISTRATOR

NEW HIRES:

Name	Position	Building
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RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
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LEAVE REQUEST:

Name	Position	Building
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TEACHER

NEW HIRES:

Name	Position	Building
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RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
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NON-RENEWAL:

Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
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CHANGE IN FULL TIME EQUIVALENCY:

Name	Position	Building
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LEAVE REQUEST:

Name	Position	Building
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CO-CURRICULAR

CONTRACT OFFER:

Name	Position	Building
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Ty Pratt	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	CHS
Dustin Scheuch	Boys "B" Team Soccer Coach	CMS

RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Position	Building
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SUPPORT STAFF

LEAVE REQUEST:

Name	Position	Building	Admin. Support
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Susan Fielden Administrative Assistant CHS Yes

POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

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>
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Karrie Valley	Instructional Assistant – SPED	CMS
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TERMINATIONS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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Samuel Jackson	Instructional Assistant – SPED	MBS
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CHANGES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Patricia Ward	Secretary CHS to Administrative Assistant CMS
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Director Pecor moved, seconded by Director Carver to accept the personnel consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Vison Plan Update, Additions and Approvals
- Buildings and Grounds Use Policy-Revisions
- Retreat Schedule and Purpose
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli to give District Assessments Plan.

XIII. Adjourn

Director Smith moved, seconded by Director Rogers to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Mark Ellingson
Reporting Secretary

Michael Rogers