

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
5:30 p.m. (Work Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a special Board meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in the Central Office conference room. Those in attendance were: Chair Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, and Paul Smith; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Colchester High School Principal Amy Minor, Assistant Principal Tim Emery; parent, and student.

MINUTES **(Work Session)**

I. Call to Order

Chair Dirk Reith called the meeting (work session) to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Director Smith to enter Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to hear and discuss a student matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Director Smith to exit executive session at 6:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjourn

Director Smith moved, seconded by Director Pecor to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES **(General Session)**

The Colchester Board of Education held a special board meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the Union Memorial School Cafeteria. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Mike Rogers, Dick Pecor, and Paul Smith; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George A. Trieb, Jr.; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Director of Special Education, Carrie Lutz; Principals: Carolyn Dickinson, Barbara Nason and Chris Antonicci. There were four members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Dirk Reith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Action as a Result of Executive Session

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

III. Public Hearing/Input on Superintendent's Recommended Budget (Expenditures Only) for FY'10

Superintendent Waters presented his recommended budget for input from the community. Waters reviewed the vision plan and budget premises and informed the audience that these documents served as the foundation for the district's decision making. Class size and enrollment were briefly discussed as well. Then Waters recapped the last couple of budget meetings. Specifically, he discussed the initial baseline budget coming in at \$30.9 million or a 6.30% increase. Waters then shared the school board's desire to trim the budget to approximately 4%. Waters then reviewed the proposed cuts that would accomplish the requested reduction. Total cuts presents were \$723,787. This would bring the recommended expenditure budget down to a 3.81% increase from last year.

Input from the community followed. The school board was asked to take a deeper look at cuts in light of continued declining enrollment in Vermont and in Colchester and the struggling economy. The school board was also asked to consider more communication to community members both about budget and non-budget issues throughout the school year.

IV. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Superintendent's Recommended Budget
- New Teacher Evaluation Program
- All Day Kindergarten Report
- Update from Athletic Fields Committee

V. Adjourn

Director Rogers moved, seconded by Director Carver to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Lee Washburn
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk