

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, June 16, 2009
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Steve Chamberlain, Dick Pecor, and Mike Rogers; 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: Chris Antonicci, Carolyn Dickinson, Amy Minor, and Barbara Nason who arrived after the joint School Board/Select Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Board Clerk, Paul Smith and Principal Jim Marshall were absent from the meeting. There were 11 members of the community in attendance.

MINUTES (General Session)

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. Act on Minutes of June 2, 2009

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to accept the minutes from June 2, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Participation

Several members of the community wanted to continue the discussion regarding the mathematics program at the Colchester Middle School. Board Chair Dirk Reith informed the community members that the Middle School mathematics program would be discussed in detail at the July 31 Board retreat. The Board would then get back to the community after that time. Chair Reith, however, encouraged members of the community if they had further feedback or concern to send this to the Board prior to the July 31 retreat.

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, and Correspondence

Superintendent Waters announced that the School Principals would be joining the meeting after the joint School/Select Board portion of the meeting.

V. School Board/Select Board Joint Meeting

-Use of District Property for the New Police Station

The Select Board provided an initial lease agreement for the District to bring to their attorneys for an initial review. There was also discussion about needing additional land for Act 250 requirements.

-Use of the Current Colchester Police Building for District Use

At this time the School Board has decided not to discuss any future use of the current police building for the District.

-Shared Resources

The Select Board and School Board agreed to discuss further shared resources in the fall. Possible shared resources include finance, personnel and maintenance personnel.

-Broadband Infrastructure

The District's need for additional bandwidth continues. The Board proposed to the town that they look into getting bids for additional bandwidth so together we could cut down on costs.

VI. Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement IDEA-B(Basic) Assurances/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Expenditures

Special Education Director, Carrie Lutz, presented proposed expenditures of the funds from the ARRA for additional positions and the rationale behind hiring for the positions. Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Steve Chamberlain to authorize the Superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA-Part B. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Dirk Reith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to approve the expenditure of ARRA funds under IDEA-Part B for the positions outlined by the Director of Special Education. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Act on the Consolidated School Grant Allocation and American Recovery Reinvestment Act Expenditures

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli, presented an overview of allocations for the Consolidated School Grant. This grant includes Title I, IIA, IID and IV. She also provided an overview of allocations for the ARRA funding. This funding would be for the 2009/2010 school year only. Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Chair Dirk Reith to approve the Consolidated School Programs Grant for submission. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to approve the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant for submission. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Approval for Debt Obligations

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb asked the Board to approve the debt obligations for the Colchester fields, CMS cafeteria and the tax anticipation note. Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Steve Chamberlain to approve the debt obligations for the Colchester athletic facility, CMS cafeteria renovation and the tax anticipation note. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Technology Plan Approval

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli and the Director of Technology Sharon

Osier presented the District's 2009-2012 Technology Plan. The District is required to provide a comprehensive technology plan in order to receive certain grants. The new technology plan has four major components:

- student centered learning
- leadership for student-centered learning
- flexible learning communities
- engage community partners

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Chair Dirk Reith to approve the Colchester School District's 2009-2012 Technology Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Bids for the CMS Boiler System and CHS Security System

CMS Boiler System

A breakdown of all the bids for the new boiler system at CMS was presented to the Board by Business and Operations Manager George Trieb. He recommended to the Board that we contract with Climate Systems Inc. Climate Systems bid came in the lowest of all others and the District has had a great relationship in the past with this company. Director Steve Chamberlain moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to accept the bid from Climate Systems Inc. for the CMS Boiler System.

CHS Security System

George Trieb also presented to the Board an updated quote for the security cameras. This would only provide cameras to the Colchester High School. There would be exterior cameras for the parking lot as well as in several high traffic areas such as stairwells, inside the school. George Trieb recommended Royal Technologies who are a local Vermont company. Colchester School District was able to visit another school district to see the finalized product in action, and this company would allow our maintenance workers to do some of the work such as running cables that would save on labor costs. Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Steve Chamberlain to accept the bid from Royal Technologies to install interior and exterior security cameras at CHS and authorized the Business and Operations Manager to execute the necessary documents to make this happen.

XI. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda:

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

Personnel Consent Agenda

Dated: June 16, 2009

ADMINISTRATOR

NEW HIRES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>FTE Change</u>	<u>Person Replacing</u>	<u>Rationale</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>	<u>FTE Change</u>	<u>Person Replacing</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Heather Toohill	Spanish Teacher (.80 FTE)	CMS		Meghan Kelley	
Elizabeth Thomas	Physical Education Teacher (.80 FTE)	MBS		Courtney Hall	
Joshua Pauley	Music Teacher	CHS		Annemarie Edmonds	

RESIGNATIONS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Admin Support</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>	<u>FTE Change</u>	<u>Person Replacing</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
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LEAVE REQUEST:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Admin Support</u>
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SUPPORT STAFF INFORMATION

NEW HIRES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Hours Change</u>	<u>Person Leaving</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
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RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Amanda Clark	Intensive Needs Interventionist	CHS
Stephen Harutunian	Tutor – SPED	CHS
Melissa Maniscalco	Tutor – SPED	CHS
Jennifer McMannon	Tutor – Kindergarten	UMS
Michelle Pigeon	Tutor – SPED	CHS
Rachel Smedy	Tutor – SPED	UMS
Beatriz Zamora	Food Service – Worker	CMS

TERMINATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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LEAVE REQUEST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Admin. Support</u>
Rosemarie Lucier	Tutor – SPED	UMS	Yes (Working as a LTS Teacher)

CO-CURRICULAR

CONTRACT OFFER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Kari Furlani	Varsity Girls Hockey Coach	CHS

RESIGNATIONS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Steve Chamberlain to accept the personnel consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously

XII. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

1. Summer Board Retreat on July 31
2. Colchester School District Action Plan (changes and updates)

XIII. Adjourn

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Laura Frazier
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk