

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, December 15, 2009
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Chamberlain, Paul Smith and Mike Rogers; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli; Special Education Director, Carrie Lutz. Principals: Amy Minor, Carolyn Dickinson, Barbara Nason and Chris Antonicci. There were 6 members of the community in attendance.

Student Board Member Paige LaPlant and Porters Point School Principal James Marshall were absent.

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 December 1, 9, 10, 2009

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to approve the minutes of December 1, 9, 10, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, and Correspondence

Superintendent Waters relayed to the Board that the District will have available a budget input survey for the community to complete. This survey asks questions regarding the budget process, communication and what their idea of a reasonable increase would be. Surveys will be available online as well as posted in the Colchester Sun.

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz presented the Board with an overview of the Special Education Department. The presentation was of current data as well as historical data for child count, staffing, and disability categories. The special education department serves students from birth up to age 22.

V. Superintendent's Recommended FY'11 Budget

Special Education Teacher Julie Tanguay and Superintendent Waters presented the Superintendent's recommended budget for FY'11. The recommended increase is 3%. The

District is still waiting on the state to determine the Homestead Tax Rate. Superintendent Waters is recommending three teachers at Malletts Bay School be reduced due to declining enrollment. There was some discussion about the possibility of Foreign Language being eliminated at the Middle School. The Board has asked Superintendent Waters to see if there were other alternatives we could explore, but is encouraging the District to keep the budget increase to 3%.

VI. Tax Rate Calculations and Projections

The District is anticipating seeing an increase in the Base Homestead tax rate. The District's anticipated tax rate would be an 8.1% increase or \$1.7308 if the District were to increase the budget by 3%.

VII. School Choice and Consolidation

Superintendent Waters asked the Board if they were interested in exploring School Choice to other Districts in the area. The Board is interested in exploring this further. Superintendent Waters believes that school consolidation is on the forefront.

VIII. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

Personnel Consent Agenda

Dated: December 15, 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>
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Amy DiPerri	LTS – Special Educator	MBS		Ellen O’Meara	
Angela Hamlin	LTS – Special Educator	MBS		Melissa Daniluk	
Alexis Kamitses	LTS – Science Teacher	CHS		Heather Baron	
Tammi Tandy	LTS – Technology Education Teacher	CMS		Bjorn Norstrom	

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>
Erin Kluis-Briggs	Food Service Worker	CHS		Sandra Lane	
Jennifer Keefe	Paraeducator – 504	CHS		Whitney Grassley	
Greg Kriger	Paraeducator – SPED	CMS		Donna Ritchie	
Amy LaTulippe	Paraeducator – SPED	CMS		Erin Jackman	Internal Transfer
Timothy Neary	Non-Instructional Asst – Lunch	MBS			New
Taylor Spear	Paraeducator SPED	CHS		Tom Boyd	
Tom Boyd	Paraeducator	CHS		Ja Luther	Internal Transfer

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
Ja Luther	Paraeducator	CHS
James Key	NIA – Cafeteria Aide	CHS
Sandra Lane	Food Service Worker	CHS

LEAVE REQUEST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Admin. Support</u>
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CO-CURRICULAR

CONTRACT OFFER:

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

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dirk Reith to accept the personnel consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Transforming Education in Vermont
- Virtual Classrooms
- Revisit the Discipline Policy

IX. Adjourn

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Laura Frazier
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk