

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, October 6, 2009
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Steve Chamberlain, Paul Smith and Mike Rogers; Student Board Member: Paige LaPlant; 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, Carolyn Dickinson, Barbara Nason, Jim Marshall and Chris Antonicci. There were 19 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 September 15, 2009

Director Steve Chamberlain moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to approve the minutes of September 15, 2009 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Participation

A member of the community asked the Board for advice on what a citizen should be paying attention to during the budget season.

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, and Correspondence

Superintendent Waters informed the Board that the Colchester School District's new website has been launched.

Superintendent Waters also shared that he will be attending the next Grand Isle School Board meeting to discuss the possibility of designating Colchester High School as their school of choice.

Director Dick Pecor shared with the Board and members of the audience Efficiency Vermont's Smart Strip and encouraged all to use and save energy.

V. Colchester Rescue Storage Building Proposal

The Colchester Director of Public Works, Bryan Osborne, petitioned the Board to approve the construction of a 60 x 60' building for the Colchester Technical Rescue. The Colchester Rescue building is on school land and any construction must be approved by the School Board. The Colchester Rescue received funds from the Department of Homeland Security to construct

this building. The School Board will need to sign several applications and the Act 250 permit if approved.

Clerk Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to authorize the administration to complete any necessary permitting and paperwork to include the 1/2 acre mitigation of the set aside of land for the Act 250 process. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Review Proposed Budget Calendar

The Board appreciated Business and Operations Manager George Trieb's budget calendar. Director Dick Pecor asked that the District provide more than a three year comparison of the tax rate calculation. Mr. Trieb agreed to provide this. Clerk Paul Smith asked that they remove the November 7th work session from the schedule.

VII. Discuss Science NECAP Scores for Grades 4, 8 & 11

The results of the 2008/2009 NECAP scores for science were presented to the Board by Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli. The tests were administered in May and the District receives the results in the fall. Based on the results of the NECAP scoring, Gwen Carmolli plans to reach out to Districts that are scoring well and see what they are covering in their science instruction. She will also examine local curriculum to see if it covers what is assessed on NECAP.

VIII. Hear and Act on the First Reading of the Restrictive Behavioral Intervention Policy

Superintendent Waters felt that this policy was well overdue. The policy was taken directly from the VT Department of Education's model policy. Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz let the Board know that restrictive behavioral intervention is a last resort. The District offers staff two courses from the Crisis Prevention Institute for non-violent crisis intervention as well as the Life Space Crisis Intervention course for all staff.

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to approve the first reading of the Restrictive Behavioral Intervention Policy as amended to reflect the legal reference 1161A instead of 1162.

IX. Malletts Bay School – School Improvement Plan under No Child Left Behind

Malletts Bay School Principal, Barbara Nason presented to the Board her school's improvement plan. There were two areas where students fell below the No Child Left Behind, standards for Free and Reduced Lunch students and students with disabilities. Principal Nason feels that teachers are working very hard with identified students as well as Special Educators working to re-evaluate IEP's.

X. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

Personnel Consent Agenda

Dated: October 6, 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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Tara Weegar	Elementary Teacher	MBS		Shaun Bryer	
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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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TRANSFER 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 Replacing</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Danielle Hammond	Paraeducator SPED	UMS	32.5 to 33.75		Additional Time Needed
Lori Henry	Paraeducator Title I	UMS	20 to 32.5		Additional Funding
Deborah Pratt	Custodian	CHS		Lisa St. Germain	

RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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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>
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CO-CURRICULAR

CONTRACT OFFER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>
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RESIGNATIONS:

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POSITION DESCRIPTION(S)

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

XI. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

- Budget
- District Org Charts
- Ethics and Investment Policies
- Retreat on 10/29
- Internal Abuse Reporting Structure for Students

XII. Adjourn

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Chamberlain moved, seconded by Director Pecor to enter Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Pecor moved, seconded by Director Rogers to exit Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Laura Frazier
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk