

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Tuesday, December 7, 2010
6:00 p.m. (Executive Session)
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an executive session board meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 in the Central Office Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, Paul Smith and John Zenie; Superintendent Larry Waters; and Principal Amy Minor.

MINUTES (Executive Session)

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the executive session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Executive Session

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to enter executive session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of hearing and discussing a student matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to exit Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Action as a Result of Executive Session

Director John Zenie moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to support the Administration's recommendation in regard to the student matter. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Board Chair Dirk Reith to adjourn executive session at 6:51 p.m. and reconvene the Board meeting in the Colchester High School Library. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith, Directors: Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, Paul Smith and John Zenie; Student Board Member: Tom Yasewicz; 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, Julie Benay, James Marshall, Chris Antonicci. There were 5 members of the community in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Dirk Reith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes: November 16 & 23, 2010

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the minutes for November 16 & November 23, 2010, seconded by Director Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

A citizen asked the board to communicate more efficiently with the community concerning what the programs and objectives the budget money is needed for. Additionally, he asked how the board had moved forward concerning extending the school day. Board Chair Dirk Reith informed him that the motion had been rescinded for further review.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

The Vision Planning team completed their first meeting. The team is creating questions to interview community members regarding how *they* see the district moving forward. The next steps are for the team members to interview 3-5 community members each in order to fully understand what the community's thoughts and ideas are concerning the district. The team hopes to finish the interviews by January 2011.

Business & Operations Manager George Trieb provided a financial update. He briefly reviewed the status of the Fund Balance; the Maintenance article; the Capital Reserve Fund; and the Maintenance Projects. This information was provided to aid the board regarding the baseline budget and Challenge for Change.

Board Chair Dirk Reith thanked the Colchester Police Department for their prompt and safe response to a recent CMS incident.

VI. FY'12 Baseline Budget–Third Draft Report

Superintendent Larry Waters presented information regarding the FY' 12 Baseline Budget and Act 146. The budget goals recommended are to have the least amount of impact on educational programs; one which the community will support; a level-funded budget; and to reduce educational spending in "good faith" as required by Act 146. The targeted FY' 12 reductions are \$313,600. Superintendent Waters reviewed the reductions for level-funding at *each* school. In moving forward, it will need to be determined if level-funding is supported by the school board and community. Are the targeted reductions acceptable by the board? Finally, there is a budget hearing set for December 13, 2010. A lengthy discussion followed.

VII. Act # 146–Challenge for Change: Targeted Reduction Amount

Superintendent Larry Waters addressed the Challenge for Change Voluntary Reduction. He recommends keeping the *expenditures* at the same amount for FY' 12 as FY' 11 at \$31,817,818. He also recommends reducing the education *spending* for FY' 12 by \$282,410. Colchester's Act 146 targeted amount is about \$734,000. With the high level of reductions from last year, there is little opportunity for the district to further reduce the expenditures to the level requested by the state.

Director Mike Roger moved to *table* reducing the Education Spending Amount for FY' 12 by \$282, 000 in accordance with Act 146 until December 13, 2010, seconded by John Zenie. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Special Education Materials Purchase

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz recommended purchasing 31 licenses for Lexia, a reading program which supports struggling readers K-12. ARRA funds will be used to purchase the program for \$19,000.

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the purchase of the Lexia program for \$19,000 through the use of ARRA funds, seconded by John Zenie. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Special Education Monitoring Process

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz presented on the Special Education monitoring process. The district will be completing this process by monitoring our child count data, least restrictive environment, drop out rates and AYP. The collection process includes parent surveys, LEA profiles, interviews, observations, etc. The district needs to create a local stakeholders group, which ensures the monitoring team has access to all necessary information. Director John Zenie agreed to represent the board on the stakeholders committee.

X. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: December 7, 2010

| Board Date | Contract Type | First Name | Last Name | Category | Position | FTE/Hours | Building | Agenda Information | Person Replacing | Rationale | Admin Support |
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| 12/07/10 | Teacher | Lauren | Rizzoti | New Hire | LTS - Math | 1.0 FTE | CHS | Notice of LTS | Zachary Kramer | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Teacher | Jessica | Tuttle | New Hire | LTS - Employment Specialist | 1.0 FTE | CHS | Notice of LTS | Robyn Schenck | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | James | Aikey | End of Employment | Cafeteria Monitor | 15 hrs | CMS | Notice of end of employment | | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | Michelle | Allen | End of Employment | Paraeducator | 32.5 hrs | PPS | Notice of end of employment | | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | David | Bradley | New Hire | Paraeducator - SPED | 32.5 hrs | CMS | Notice of hire | New Position | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | Steven | Chamberlain | End of Employment | Bus Driver | 40 hrs | DW | Notice of end of employment | | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | Steven | Chamberlain | New Hire | Custodian | 40 hrs | MBS | Notice of hire | Carol Dennis | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | Michelle | DeCicco | End of Employment | Paraeducator - SPED | 32.5 hrs | CMS | Notice of end of employment | | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | Beth | Tibbits | New Hire | Paraeducator - SPED | 32.5 hrs | CMS | Notice of hire | Michelle Decicco | | Yes |
| 12/07/10 | Support Staff | Rebecca | Walter-Proulx | New Hire | Paraeducator - SPED | 32.5 hrs | CMS | Notice of hire | Virginia Friedman | | Yes |

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for December 7, 2010, seconded by Director Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Class Size policy
- Act 146 Decision
- FY'12 Budget Hearing - December 13, 2010 at CHS library/Media Center
- Superintendent's Recommended Budget

XII. Adjournment

Director Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk