

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, February 1, 2011
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 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, and 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: January 18, 24 & 25, 2011

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Board Chair Dirk Reith to approve the minutes for January 18, 24 & 25, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Superintendent Larry Waters reviewed the 2011-2012 budget & enrollment overview. He noted enrollment numbers for kindergarten, technical schools, tuition students and out-of-placement students. He drew attention to the 2009 test scores when compared to other schools and the county. Furthermore, he addressed the number of administrators for the district as well as a breakdown of categories of students receiving special education services. This information will be provided on the district's website.

VI. Review First Draft of 2011-2012 School Calendar

Superintendent Larry Waters presented the first draft of the 2011-2012 school calendar. The calendar offers 176 student instruction days; 2 student/workday/conference days; 8 in-service days; and 1 classroom preparation day. This year, the VT-NEA will no longer host two days in October for a convention. One of the days will be scheduled for students and the other for teacher in-service.

VII. Tax Impact and Income Tax Sensitivity Overview

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb provided an overview of the tax impact and income tax sensitivity. The FY'12 budget is \$31,933,581. Colchester School District spends \$11,441 in per pupil spending. The following numbers for FY'12 are as follows: Base amount per pupil: \$8,544; Homestead Tax Base Rate: \$0.87; Education Spending/Equalized pupil: \$11,625; Net Equalized pupils: 2,159; Common Level Appraisal: 71.38%. Due to the Income Sensitivity Program, eligible taxpayers pay some or all of their education property tax based on household income and not property value.

VIII. Budget Communication Plan

Superintendent Larry Waters presented ideas for budget communication with the community. Currently, the administrators are creating a video slide presentation titled "Educational Outcomes and Investment" which will be shared with the school board and community. Additionally, LCATV, the Colchester Sun, WVMT Morning Talk shows, social networks and the district's website will be used to convey FY'12 budget information.

IX. Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: February 1, 2011

| Board Date | Contract Type | First Name | Last Name | Category | Position | FTE/Hours | Building | Agenda Information | Person Replacing | Rationale | Admin Support |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 02/01/11 | Teacher | Rhonda | Paquette | End of Employment | French Teacher | .39 FTE | CHS | Notice of end of employment | | | Yes |
| 02/01/11 | Support Staff | John | Brennan | New Hire | Van Driver | 20 hrs | DW | Notice of hire | Jim Lynch | | Yes |
| 02/01/11 | Support Staff | Jim | Lynch | Transfer | Bus Driver | 40 hrs | DW | Notice of transfer | Steve Chamberlain | | Yes |
| 02/01/11 | Support Staff | Pasqualina | Maceri | New Hire | Food Service Worker | 30 hrs | MBS | Notice of hire | Jodi Rooney | | Yes |
| 02/01/11 | Support Staff | Philip | Shuman | End of Employment | Paraeducator - SPED | 32.5 hrs | CMS | Notice of end of employment | | | Yes |

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Pecor to approve the personnel consent agenda for February 1, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Possible Future Agenda Items

- NECAP Overview
- School Board Reorganization (March 8)
- Annual School Reports from Principals
- March 1 – School Report Night
- School/Town Dinner & Potluck Dessert
- March Board Retreat

XI. Adjournment

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to adjourn general session at 8:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk