

## COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, January 18, 2011  
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an executive session board meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in the Central Office Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Paul Smith and Mike Rogers; Superintendent Larry Waters; Principal Amy Minor; and Assistant Principal Ryan Parkman.

### MINUTES (Executive Session)

#### **I. Call to Order**

Board Chair Dirk Reith called the executive session meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

#### **II. Executive Session**

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to enter executive session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of hearing and discussing a student matter. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to exit Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **III. Action as a Result of Executive Session**

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

#### **IV. Adjourn**

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to adjourn executive session at 6:45 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, January 18, 2011 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Paul Smith and Mike Rogers; 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 9 member 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 4 & 11, 2011**

Director Dirk Reith moved to approve the minutes for January 4 & 11, 2011, seconded by Director Mike Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Citizen Participation**

No citizen participation.

**V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence**

Chairman Dirk Reith asked for a moment of silence in response to the tragedy at Mt. Mansfield Union High School. Principals Amy Minor and Carolyn Dickinson spoke about each school's response and communication to students, families and staff concerning the shooting at MMU.

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb discussed the quarterly financial report. He reported on tuition students and the estimates for the upcoming year. Additionally, he reviewed revenue and expenditures items which were different from their respective estimates.

Director of Curriculum Gwen Carmolli provided updates on the School Counselor curriculum development, as well as Social Studies. Each committee is working to create vertical maps to ensure curriculum rigor and minimize repeats or gaps.

Superintendent Larry Waters provided an update on the Education Jobs Funds from the Vermont Department of Education. Colchester School district will receive \$423,000. The intent of this money is to reduce long-term educational spending. There will be restrictions on how the district will be allowed to use the money and it is waiting for further information and guidance from the State.

Director Mike Rogers stated he would not be running for re-election in March. Chairman Dirk Reith thanked Director Rogers for his service to the board and the town of Colchester.

**VI. Approve Annual Town Meeting Warning for FY'12**

Business and Operations Manager George Trieb completed the document to approved the annual town meeting warning. In upcoming meetings, the district will provide updated tax information, income sensitivity and other various components necessary for town meeting day and school report night.

Director Paul Smith moved to warn the year 2011 Annual Town School District meeting by signing the warning for said meeting, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unaimously.

## **VII. Technology Integration Proposal at Colchester High School**

Principal Amy Minor and Director of Curriculum Gwen Carmolli presented information around technology in the district. Through research, the district is defining 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. The National Educations Technology Standards and Vermont Technology Grade Expectations will be used in guiding the district in creating curriculum and integration for students, teachers and all content areas. At this point the administration recommends the following steps: integrate technology into ALL programs at EACH school beginning with CHS; redesign curriculum expectations; build teacher capacity; provide professional development.

A lengthy discussion followed involving board and community members and school administration.

## **VIII. Approval for Purchase of Data Management System for Sp. Ed. (GoalView)**

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz presented information concerning new software for the management of paperwork required for students eligible for Special Education programs. The program integrates well with PowerSchool and the purchase will be made through allocated A.R.R.A funds for \$16,125.00.

Director Paul Smith moved to approve the expenditure of A.R.R.A funds of \$16, 125.00, seconded by Chairman Dirk Reith. Motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. Review of Special Education Audit and New Oversight Strategies**

Director of Special Education Carrie Lutz provided a review of the Special Education audit and the district's new strategies. The district's total liability to the Department of Education is about \$285,000. Through the audit, the State deemed some of the district's expenditures were not approved for reimbursement. As a result, the district will look at how to appropriately fund services for Special Education services in the future; create a new procedure for Transportation; split funding for the School Psychologist; complete internal auditing; provide professional development. A discussion followed.

## **X. Personnel Consent Agenda**

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

**PERONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Date: January 18, 2011**

<b>Board Date</b>	<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE/Hours</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Agenda Information</b>	<b>Person Replacing</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Admin Support</b>
01/18/11	Support Staff	Keri	Comi	Transfer	Food Service Worker	30 hrs	MBS	Notice of transfer	Shirley Fleury		Yes
01/18/11	Support Staff	William	Uzzell	New Hire	Food Service Worker	15 hrs	CHS	Notice of hire	Keri Comi		Yes

Director Mike Rogers moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for January 18, 2011, seconded by Director Paul Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Possible Future Agenda Items**

- Budget promotion ideas
- Income tax sensitivity
- NECAP results in reading/math
- Regional School Calendar 2011-2012

**XII. Adjournment**

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to adjourn general session at 8:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

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Rachel Howes

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Paul Smith  
Board Clerk