

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

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

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, 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. There were no audience members 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 June 15, 2010

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to approve the minutes of June 15, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. School Board Communication, Committee Reports, Correspondence

Superintendent Larry Waters announced that Board Director Steve Chamberlain has tendered his resignation due to personal reasons. The Board thanked Director Chamberlain for his service to the community and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli said that thanks to federal grant dollars, many staff members are busy working on important summer curriculum projects such as writing, literacy, and math.

Director Dick Pecor said a community member asked if the high school band could participate in the annual 4th of July parade next year. Superintendent Larry Waters said that the district could consider the request after the high school hires their new music director.

V. Hear 2010 Legislative Update

Superintendent Larry Waters presented an overview of the Education Legislative Update dated May 24, 2010.

VI. Vision Process Outline/Overview – Board Priorities

Superintendent Larry Waters announced that the district is ready to begin the vision process for next year. Director Paul Smith questioned why the administration feels that they need to revise a document that is already very comprehensive. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli said that although our current vision plan is very good, education and technology are changing very quickly. As such, our plan should reflect 21st century learning which will ensure our students' future success in an ever-changing market place.

VII. School Board/Select Board Joint Meeting

The School Board will be meeting with the Select Board on July 27 to discuss the use of school district property for the new police station. Superintendent Larry Waters asked the Board if they had questions or concerns that they would like town officials to address at the July 27th meeting. Board members brought up several issues and discussion ensued. In conclusion, the Superintendent said that he would relay the Board's concerns to town officials.

VIII. School Board Retreat – July 16th

The School Board will hold their annual retreat with district administrators on July 16 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Possible agenda items are: the vision process, where the district is headed with No Child Left Behind, ideas for improving communication with the Colchester community, reorganizing job responsibilities within the Central Office, and challenges for FY'12.

IX. Act on Personnel Consent Agenda

Superintendent Waters presented the following consent agenda:

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Dated: 7/6/2010

Board Date	Category	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Position	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
07/06/10	End of Employment	Support Staff	Eamon	Connolly	Custodian	CHS	Notice of end of employment			Yes
07/06/10	End of Employment	Support Staff	Leona	Washburn	Administrative Assistant	CO	Notice of end of employment			Yes
07/06/10	New Hire	Support Staff	Keri	Comi	Food Service Worker	CHS	Notice of hire	Diane Raymond		Yes
07/06/10	New Hire	Support Staff	Starr	McCarthy	Food Service Worker	MBS	Notice of hire	Barbara Sabin		Yes
07/06/10	New Hire	Support Staff	Susan	Burgess	Administrative Assistant	UMS	Notice of hire	Polly Luman		Yes
07/06/10	Leave of Absence	Teacher	Andrew	Rousseau	Music Teacher	CMS	Requesting approval for LOA 11/17/10 - 6//30/10			Yes
07/06/10	New Hire	Teacher	Ian	Bleakney	Elementary Teacher	CMS	Board approval to hire	Nicole Jamison	Current Employee who was reduced due to budget cuts	Yes

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to accept the personnel consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Dirk Reith thanked Lee Washburn for her service to the district and wished her well with her retirement.

X. Hear Possible Future Agenda Items

None.

XI. Adjourn

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Dick Pecor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES
(Executive Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held an Executive Session board meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 in the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Chair Dirk Reith; Directors: Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, Paul Smith; and Superintendent Larry Waters.

I. Call to Order

Chair Dirk Reith called the Executive Session meeting to order at 8:28 p.m.

II. Hear and Discuss a Grievance Matter, Teacher Negotiations, and New Member Selection Process

Vice Chair Dick Pecor moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to enter Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to hear and discuss a Grievance Matter, Teacher Negotiations, and New Member Selection. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mike Rogers moved, seconded by Director Paul Smith to exit Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjourn

Director Paul Smith moved, seconded by Director Mike Rogers to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Cathy Ward
Reporting Secretary

Paul Smith
Board Clerk