

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, June 21, 2011
7:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Colchester High School Library. Those in attendance were: Board Chair: Dirk Reith, Directors: Steve Cormier, Dick Pecor, Christine Shepard and Paul Smith. Student Board Member: Tom Yasewicz; Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli. Principals: Julie Benay and Amy Minor. 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: June 7 & 8, 2011

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the minutes, as amended, for June 7 & June 8, 2011, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizen Participation

CHS student Hannah Orselet thanked the school board for supporting her attendance to a Leadership Conference at St. Michael's College.

V. School Board Communication, Committee Reports & Correspondence

Board Chairman Dirk Reith recognized Student Board Member, Tom Yasewicz, for his commitment and service to the community through the school board. Additionally, the board presented Tom with a scholarship for the upcoming school year.

VI. New England Association of Schools & Colleges Accreditation Report

Principal Amy Minor reviewed the NEASC Accreditation report. The accreditation is a ten year cycle which CHS chooses to participate in. The report provided 53 commendations and 47 recommendations. These were presented under the areas of Mission, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, Leadership, School Resources, and Community Resources. Principal Minor plans to move CHS forward with Technology innovations, Library innovations, providing high quality professional development for the faculty and updating the CHS Mission statement. The complete NEASC report may be found on the CSD website.

VII. Report on Virtual High School Program at Colchester High School and CHS Administration Trip to Valley Tech School, NY

Principal Amy Minor reported on the completion of the first year of the VHS Program. CHS has a total of 50 seats available for students. In the 2010-2011 school year, 29 students were enrolled. This program provided an opportunity for *all* students to be successful. This is a global high school and there may be international students in classes as well as students from across the nation. Students recognized the challenges of an on-line course. A discussion followed including the community, administrators and board members.

Principal Amy Minor reported on the Tech Valley High visit she took with CHS teachers Will Warren and Tara Sharkey. There are currently 125 students attending Tech Valley, belonging to all cohort groups. Their approach is project-based learning which incorporates real-life problems into the classroom. There are internships available to all students. Principal Minor hopes to visit additional schools in which to draw more information and their potential translation at CHS.

VIII. Consolidated Federal Programs Grant. Allocation of Funds: Title 1, Title IIA, Title IID

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli reviewed the allocation of Funds for 2011-2012. The allocations have impacted the number of teachers the district is able to assign to programs. As a result of being identified under AYP (MBS and CMS), the district is required to set aside some of the grant funds for additional professional development and student supplemental services.

Director Paul Smith moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the assurances for the Consolidated Federal Programs Grant, seconded by Director Christine Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B (Basic) Assurance

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Gwen Carmolli reviewed that Carrie Lutz will keep the board updated throughout the 2011-2012 school year regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act - B.

Director Paul Smith moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the assurances for IDEA-Part B, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Approval for Tax Anticipation Note

Business and Operations Manager, George Trieb provided information regarding the Tax Anticipation Note. The tax anticipation note allows the school district to borrow money for one fiscal year to cover expenditures occurring prior to sufficient revenue being received to cover said expenditures. This year CSD is borrowing \$2.8 million and will be repaid at the end of the fiscal year.

Director Paul Smith moved to authorize the Tax Anticipation Note, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Personnel Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda was presented:

PERONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Board Date: June 21, 2011

Board Date	Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	FTE/Hours	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Rationale	Admin Support
06/21/11	Administrator	Peter	Memoli	New Hire	Assistant Principal	1.0 FTE	CHS		Ryan Parkman		Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Heather	Aube	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Danielle	Bevins	End of Employment	Paraeducator	8.0 hrs	UMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Lona	Boudreau	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Cheryl	Callahan	End of Employment	Paraeducator - Bues	5.0 hrs	PPS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Steven	Chamberlain	End of Employment	Custodian	40.0 hrs	CMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Danielle	Collins	End of Employment	Non-Instructional Aide	15.0 hrs	CMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Bobbie	Copen	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CHS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Heather	Finelli	New Hire	Administrative Assistant-Reg/SPED	40.0 hrs	CO		Susi Barrows		Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Anna	Hummel	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Darlene	Lamphier	End of Employment	Paraeducator	12.0 hrs	UMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	MaryBeh	Nuovo	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Melissa	Rixford	End of Employment	Paraeducator - SPED	32.5 hrs	CMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Margaret	Rodgers	End of Employment	Non-Instructional Aide	25.0 hrs	CMS				Yes
06/21/11	Support Staff	Moria	Routhier	End of Employment	Paraeducator - 504	32.5 hrs	UMS				Yes
06/21/11	Teacher	Emily	Brennan	New Hire	Music Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS		Andrew Rousseau		Yes
06/21/11	Teacher	Jackie	Dempsey	New Hire	Occupational Therapist	1.0 FTE	DW		New Position	Student Need	Yes
06/21/11	Teacher	Katherine	Dyer	End of Employment	ESL Coordinator	1.0 FTE	CHS				Yes
06/21/11	Teacher	Tim	Scott	New Hire	Special Education Teacher	1.0 FTE	CMS		Brian Flynn		Yes
06/21/11	Teacher	Meghan	Westbrook	New Hire	Librarian	1.0 FTE	CHS		Barbara Marvin		Yes

Director Dick Pecor moved to approve the personnel consent agenda for June 21, 2011, seconded by Director Steve Cormier. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Possible Future Agenda Items

- Possible Summer Retreat with Administration in August
- The next scheduled board meeting will be July 19, 2011

XIII. Adjournment

Director Steve Cormier moved, seconded by Director Dirk Reith to adjourn general session and move to Executive session at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

Rachel Howes

Paul Smith
Board Clerk